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Meningitis returns continue to cause official concern. Six further cases were reported yesterday, making a total of 23 in the last six days.

Ten measles notifications yesterday indicated the persistence of that epidemic.

Three smallpox, two diphtheria, two typhoid, and eighteen T. B. cases were also reported.

**DR. NEGRIN
SAYS LOYALISTS
CAN HOLD OUT**

Paris, To-day.

Senor del Vayo was, according to "Intransigent," the bearer of a message to President Azana from the Premier, Dr. Negrin requesting Azana to return to Madrid without delay.

The paper says that Dr. Negrin, in his message, asserted that the Republican Government would succeed in holding out "as long as the international situation demanded."

President Azana, who has now gone to Madrid, has been of opinion that there is no hope of averting the final collapse of the Republican forces and that further bloodshed is consequently unnecessary. Azana is said to have expressed a desire for the reconciliation of all Spaniards in order that the work of reconstruction may commence. —Trans-Ocean.

**ANGLO-FRENCH
CONSULTATIONS**

Paris, To-day.

M. Bonnet last evening received the British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Eric Phipps, to inform him of details of the last conferences with M. Berard. The next Ministerial Council will be held on Tuesday.

Political quarters expect that recognition of the Spanish Nationalist Government will be decided on that occasion. —Trans-Ocean.

**Small Party
Arrives: Notice
Not Given**

Mystification has arisen concerning reports of a landing by a Japanese force at Namtau this morning, for different authoritative sources are not in agreement, one lending confirmation to the report and another inclined to view it as a rumour.

"China Mail" information, from a trustworthy source, is that a party of about 300 men occupied Namtau, without serious resistance, at seven o'clock this morning.

Namtau is situated in Taishan Bay, several miles north of local waters, and the biggest Chinese township in Kwangtung south of Sheklung.

It was occupied during the "mopping-up" drive made down the Kowloon-Canton Railway in November, but abandoned when the Japanese voluntarily retired after a H.K. border incident.

PROMISE OF NOTICE

It may be recalled, in connection with that retirement, that the Japanese military authorities undertook to give the Hong Kong military authorities 48 hours' notice of any intention of again approaching the Hong Kong frontier.

The "Mail" learns, authoritatively, that no notice of any impending Namtau action had been given to Hong Kong, and it is thought possible that the "operation" this morning was in the nature of a quest for "stores."

**NEW GOVERNMENT
IN BUDAPEST**

Budapest, To-day.

When presenting the names of his Cabinet at a conference of the Government party yesterday the new Premier, Count Teleki, made his first statement of policy, in which he stressed that he would continue the policy begun by his predecessor.

The Premier added that attacks, for which he was prepared, would not deflect him from a set course. —Trans-Ocean.

**CAR CRASHES
INTO SEA ON
THE TAIPO ROAD**

An accident occurred on the Tai-po Road near the 8½-mile stone yesterday afternoon when Mr. Li Hon-kong, a resident of Fanling, was driving into Kowloon with his brother, Li Hon-fong, as a passenger.

The car swerved to avoid a woman who ran into the road, crashed over an embankment into the sea, overturned, and was badly damaged.

Li Hon-fong was injured and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. The driver, Li Hon-kong, escaped with a few bruises.

Li Hon-fong received injuries to his back, but is not in a serious condition.

made to penetrate territory beyond Namtau and, in the absence of any other signs of Japanese military or naval activity in the proximity of the Colony, it is thought more than likely that the party has since left.

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March of a Dictator—5 by FRANK OWEN

The March On ROME

Italy was cheated at Versailles. Why? Because she was not strong enough.

There is the whole story of Italy's further slide after her victories of 1918: of the rise of the resentful, challenging faith of Fascism: of Mussolini's present perilous effort to collect his dues Twenty Years After.

Italy gained out of her heavy cost of life in 1915-18 the defeat and disappearance of her ancient oppressor and perpetual enemy, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the Tyrol Province. She had been promised vast territories by the other Allies, England and France scored not only the knock-out of their great rival Germany but gained from her millions of square miles of colonies as well as that French Tyrol, Alsace-Lorraine.

Italy would not even have got Fiume if her buccaneers, D'Annunzio and Mussolini, had not grabbed it and held it, against the wishes of the Italian Government.

There is only this difference, historically, between the regimes of Hitler and Mussolini: Germany's Nazism perfected its power before it asserted its claims; Italy's Fascism was born out of an audacious adventure in the face of overwhelming strength.

The Raid on Fiume was the father of the March on Rome.

Not only "Italy" was betrayed by the Peace. A vast number of individual Italians felt themselves done down. In that country as elsewhere the returned heroes of the trenches did not receive the homes fit for them.

Italian industry was not robust enough to stand the heavy new load of war-output or the wrench of its sudden re-gearing to peace-time production. Unemployment was chronic. Riots became the accepted feature, and sabotage was organised into a system.

On March 23, 1919, following a gigantic Red demonstration in Milan, Mussolini with 53 others founded the group of Fascist Fighters.

It was an ex-serviceman's union, pledged to uphold both their own rights and their country's. The Fascist Fighters stood for United Italy—and that included the Tyrol, Dalmatia, and Fiume. They planned a syndicalist system to run industry.

In Milan, at this period, Mussolini formulated policies—and expounded them in language—that yielded nothing in violence to the National-Socialism which another ex-soldier called Hitler was already preaching to a handful of unemployed workers and soldiers in Munich.

In June Mussolini proclaimed "Let the land belong to the peasants!" In July he suggested shooting profiteers. In August he was for seizing the mines and the railways. He scorched the flesh of orthodox trade union and Socialist leaders with his taunt "Too Tame!"

A storm of strikes swept the country. Ministries toppled one after the other. But for all his extremism and his brilliant editorship of *Il Popolo d'Italia* Mussolini made little headway. In November the General Election gave the Socialists 156 seats and the Liberal Clerical "Popolari" Party 101. Mussolini, who put up as an Independent Socialist, came a cropper with 4000-odd votes on a poll of 346,000. In Milan, the Red stronghold, the Socialists staged a gigantic mock funeral of the "lost leader." The coffin, surrounded with candles, passed through the streets amid ribald psalms underneath the very window of the "corpse." He boiled with rage.

A few days later Fascist Fighters bombed a Red demonstration. Mussolini was gaoled again. Yet with all this energy nine months after Fascism was founded its enrolled members numbered only 17,000.

The Party demanded industrial soviets, an 8-hour day, social insurance, nationalisation of the arms industry, a capital levy on wealth, an 85 per cent. appropriation of war profits, and the complete confiscation of all Church property. This programme went beyond the Socialist Party's. The trouble was nobody believed in Mussolini.

These were days when the editor of *Il Popolo d'Italia* worked with a gun on his desk. He says: "Every day was a battle. The little street was constantly blocked by police or by detachments of carabinieri and soldiers. I made a little fortress out of the editor's office. The newspaper was confiscated or censored every day. I could have sold, but I held on."



Mussolini reaches the Piazza del Popolo during the march on Rome of October 1922.

He added to his armoury a derisive attitude towards the Monarchy, the Senate and the Chamber. He repudiated the Internationalism of the Lenin regime in Moscow and of Bela Kun in Hungary, though he professed his readiness to emulate their ruthless practice of government. The following year he supported the seizure of the factories by the motorcar workers in Milan. At the peak, 800,000 men were in semi-armed occupation, and the Red Flag was the only banner that flew throughout Lombardy.

Terrified employers applied to Premier Giolitti to send cannon against the strikers. But the Liberal leader replied by offering to open the bombardment against the particular factory of each applicant, whereon enthusiasm for the idea sensibly diminished. The Red tide receded. But the fear of it remained. Mussolini decided to shift his appeal.

He stood forth as the defender of society.

Fiume loomed in the news 20 years ago much as Tunis does now—it contained a majority of Italians but it did not belong to Italy.

This port had been the property of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire which the war had shattered. In 1919 it was occupied by inter-Allied troops. Warships lay in the harbour, and the Great Power politicians argued and intrigued at Versailles, making "peace" while French and Italian sailors fought in the streets of Fiume. It appeared fairly obvious that unless something was done Italy was going to be swindled again.

D'Annunzio, the poet-adventurer, prepared a Jameson Raid.

On September 11 he wrote to Mussolini: "Dear Companion, The dice are on the table. To-morrow I shall take Fiume by force of arms. The God of Italy assist us."

"Sustain the cause without stint during the struggle. I embrace you. Gabriel D'Annunzio."

Next day bands of black-shirted legionaries entered Fiume and occupied key points. Most of them were veterans of the Arditi, famous Italian shock troops who threw themselves into the assault with bombs, dagger in teeth.

There was a melodramatic encounter at the gates. D'Annunzio was met by General Pittaluga, Allied commander of the port, and himself an Italian.

"Thus you ruin Italy!" cried the general.

"No. It is you who ruin her, opposing Fiume's destiny."

"I obey orders."

"What! You would fire on your brothers?" Then tearing open his tunic, "Fire first on me!" The general was overcome. "Viva Fiume!" he cried.

"Evviva Pittaluga!" responded the radiant rebel. Mussolini's newspaper proclaimed, "The Government of Italy is not in Rome, but in Fiume!"

Every evening D'Annunzio held a parade and made an oration. He drew up a charter for the "Carnaro," as he called his miniature territory. It was the first Corporate State. He contemplated further annexations. He often called Communists and anarchists to his palace for discussion, for he persisted in regarding himself as a revolutionary. He prepared for a March on Rome. Meantime the Italian Fleet maintained a half-hearted blockade and food in Fiume ran short.

The D'Annunzio Adventure was coming to a close. Giolitti, returning for the last time as Liberal Premier of Italy, ceded to the Yugoslavs the port which the poet held. The loyal, royal troops of Italy made ready to advance against Fiume, the navy concentrated at the harbour gate to reduce it by bombardment.

And Mussolini? He sat tight. Accused of deserting D'Annunzio, he snapped, "Revolution will be accomplished with the army, not against it; with arms, not without them, with trained forces, not with undisciplined mobs called together in the streets." A plan that was followed exactly two years later.

On Christmas Eve Fiume was bombarded by land and sea. D'Annunzio barely avoided the martyrdom he had prepared for himself. He marched out without serious resistance. His last word was "Italy is not worth dying for."

It was not quite the last chapter in the affair. In 1922 local Fascist bands overthrew the autonomous Fiume Government and proclaimed their own annexation to Italy. In 1924 Mussolini, become Dictator, took the place over.

Fiume brought no strength to Mussolini. But it cast glamour—and when it was all over it brought storm troops. The legionaries who did not go to battle at Fiume took their place on the streets of Milan, Turin, Genoa and Naples among the most resolute of the Fascist Fighters against police or Reds.

Mussolini, however, no longer encouraged struggles with the police. He was already playing the game—twelve years ahead—which was to bring Hitler to power beyond the Brenner Pass. The movements in this dance are:

(i) Proclaim a violently radical policy;

(ii) Denounce the moderate Left for its cowardice;

(iii) Persuade or coerce the moderate Right into believing that you alone can handle the Red menace;

(iv) In power, smash Right, Left and Centre.

The Battle of the Streets developed in range and savagery. Reds and Blacks fought one another with the old-time Italian faction-fury of Guelph and Ghibelline. Hundreds of Communists and Fascists were gaoled, scores were killed. Nevertheless, the real threat of Bolshevism steadily sank. The Socialist Party formally expelled their revolutionary wing. The cost of living fell, the exchange rate of the lira rose.

As discontent diminished, Fascism, the Party of Discontent, began to dwindle. Like Hitler, Mussolini had his Party crises. He also threatened to resign. Only a new campaign of exceptional ferocity regained for him the trust of his rebellious followers. He made the new Liberal Catholic "Popolari" Party the chief target for his invective. Something like a peasant revolt was going on under the aegis of that movement.

Events moved towards a decisive climax at the Fascist Congress in Naples, October 24, 1922. Mussolini inveighed as before against the corrupt and decadent democracy. He thundered: "I take a solemn oath that the Government of the country must be given peacefully to the Fascists, or we will take it by force!"

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MARCH OF A DICTATOR

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"A Roma! A Roma!" roared back the Blackshirts. Plans were already in hand for the expedition.

The Italian army knew, and approved. They could have blown the Blackshirt militia to pieces in a few valleys if they had wished.

On October 26 a Fascist ultimatum required the Premier to resign. He capitulated on the 27th, but his resignation was refused. Mussolini returned to his "fortress" in Milan. The next day the Blackshirt columns began to converge on Rome.

The military command at Rome threw up barricades and barbed wire. Premier Facta, still functioning, asked the King to proclaim martial law. He was met with blank refusal. The Nationalist Party leader, Admiral de Revel, had that morning warned Victor Emmanuel that the armed forces would not march against "the patriotic movement." It was the Curragh, 1914, all over again. In three days 30,000 Blackshirts were encamped outside the walls.

In Milan Mussolini: "I put on the Black Shirt. I barricaded *Il Popolo d'Italia*. In the livid and grey morning Milan wore a new and fantastic appearance. Pauses and sudden silences gave one the sensation of great hours that come and go in the course of history. Frowning battalions of Royal Guards scouted the city, and the monotonous rhythm of their feet sounded ominous echoes in the almost deserted streets."

A "Quadrivirate" was already named to carry out the insurgent act—Bianchi, Balbo, De Vecchi, De Bono. Over all, of course, the Duce himself.

There were vain efforts even yet in Rome among the politicians to keep the Fascist upstart out. But the Right

were powerless—they had only 50 out of 500 seats in Parliament—and the Left were hopelessly split.

The telephone rings in the newspaper office. General Cittadini to Mussolini. "The King invites you to come to Rome to become Premier. Mussolini replies in a calm voice, 'I will go to Rome when the summons is official, and in writing!'"

Several hours later the wire is handed in.

"His Majesty King Victor Emmanuel begs you to come to Rome at once. He offers you the task of forming a new Ministry.—General Cittadini."

Pale, hands thrust deep in his raincoat, grey slouch hat pulled over his eyes, Mussolini boarded the train. His eyes hardly beheld the delirious crowds that stormed the railway station to shout, "To Rome! To Rome!" He left one message to his storm troops: "Burs Avanti!"

That night as the train roared down the long leg of Italy the offices of his old Socialist newspaper went up in flames.

At Santa Marinella he stepped off to pass in review 40,000 Blackshirts. An indescribable enthusiasm awaited him in Rome. He pulled out his suitcase and put on his black shirt again. At the station another multitude welcomed him.

He drove to the Quirinal and kissed hands.

"Forgive my uniform," he said to the King. "I have just come from a bloodless battle."

The next day 100,000 Blackshirt militia-men paraded before the King and his new Premier. The day after Mussolini went to work on his Fascist State.

To-morrow: 17 years as Dictator.

JAMAICA GENERAL STRIKE

Kingston (Jamaica), To-day. The Governor has declared that there can be no settlement of the Jamaica labour dispute until the orders for a general strike are unconditionally withdrawn.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARNING TO S'HAJ SHIPPING

Shanghai, To-day:

The commander-in-chief of the Japanese Fleet in Chinese Waters yesterday issued a warning to foreign ships not to approach within 30 miles of Taichow Bay in view of impending operations by the Japanese fleet.

The waters, the warning states, should be avoided as from midnight, Thursday.

The warning has caused anxiety in shipping circles as numerous ships flying foreign flags are engaged in coast trade with Chekiang.

This area affords the quickest sea route from Shanghai to North-East Chekiang, from where the Kiangsu

FRANCO REJECTS PEACE PLAN SUGGESTIONS

Paris, To-day.

General Franco is reported by the "Soir" to have rejected proposals alleged to have been made by the British Agent in Burgos, Sir Robert Hodgson, relating to eventual capitulation by the Republican forces.

These proposals are said to have included suggestions for a plebiscite for determining the future Spanish Constitution.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW C.-IN-C. AT PORTSMOUTH

London, To-day.

Admiral Sir William James has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, in succession to Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Cork and Orrery.

The appointment dates from June 30.—Reuter.

Railway runs to Central China and Hunan Province.

The Japanese action is presumably in connection with the general campaign to tighten up the blockade of the China coast.—Trans-Ocean.

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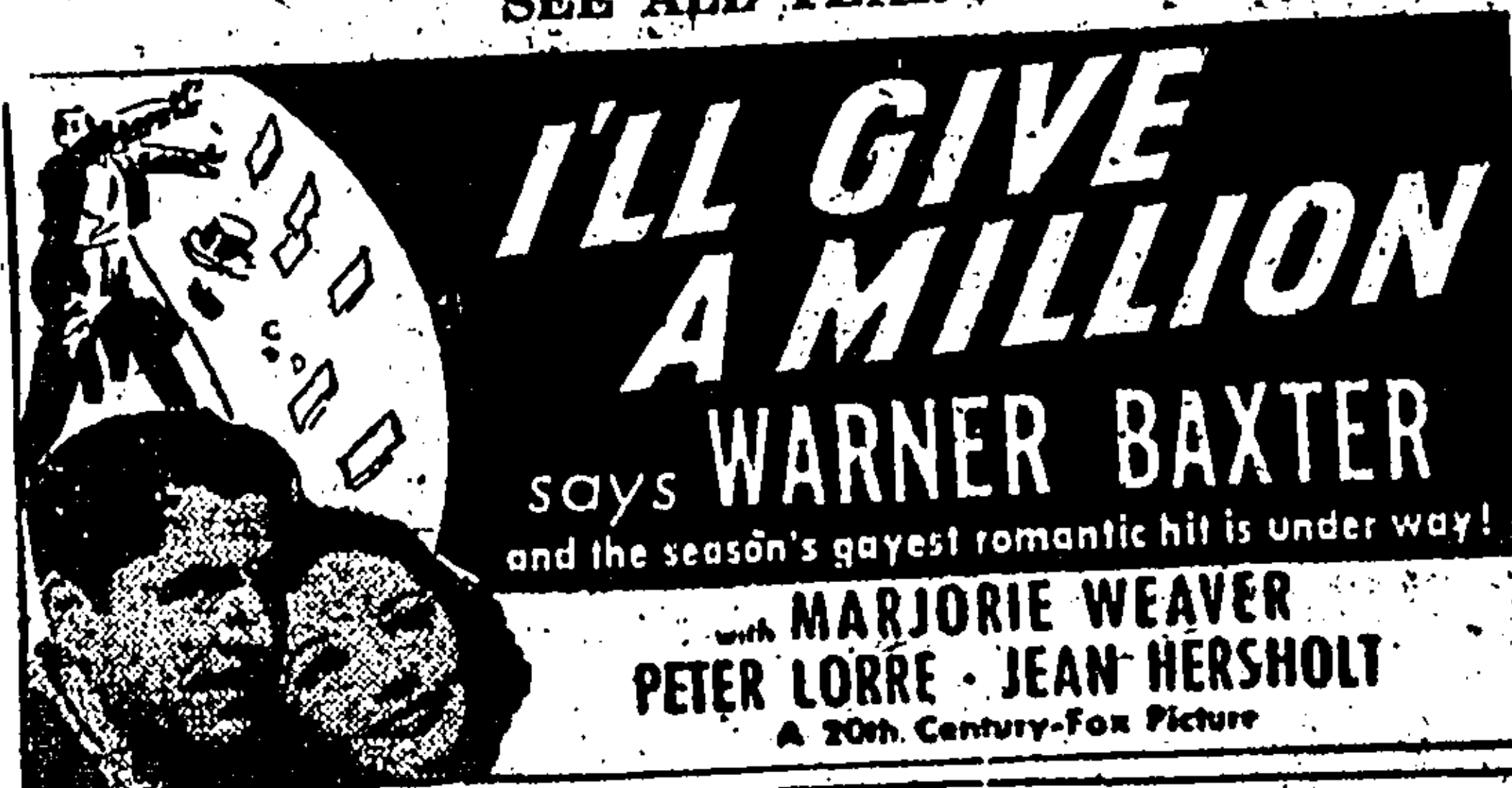
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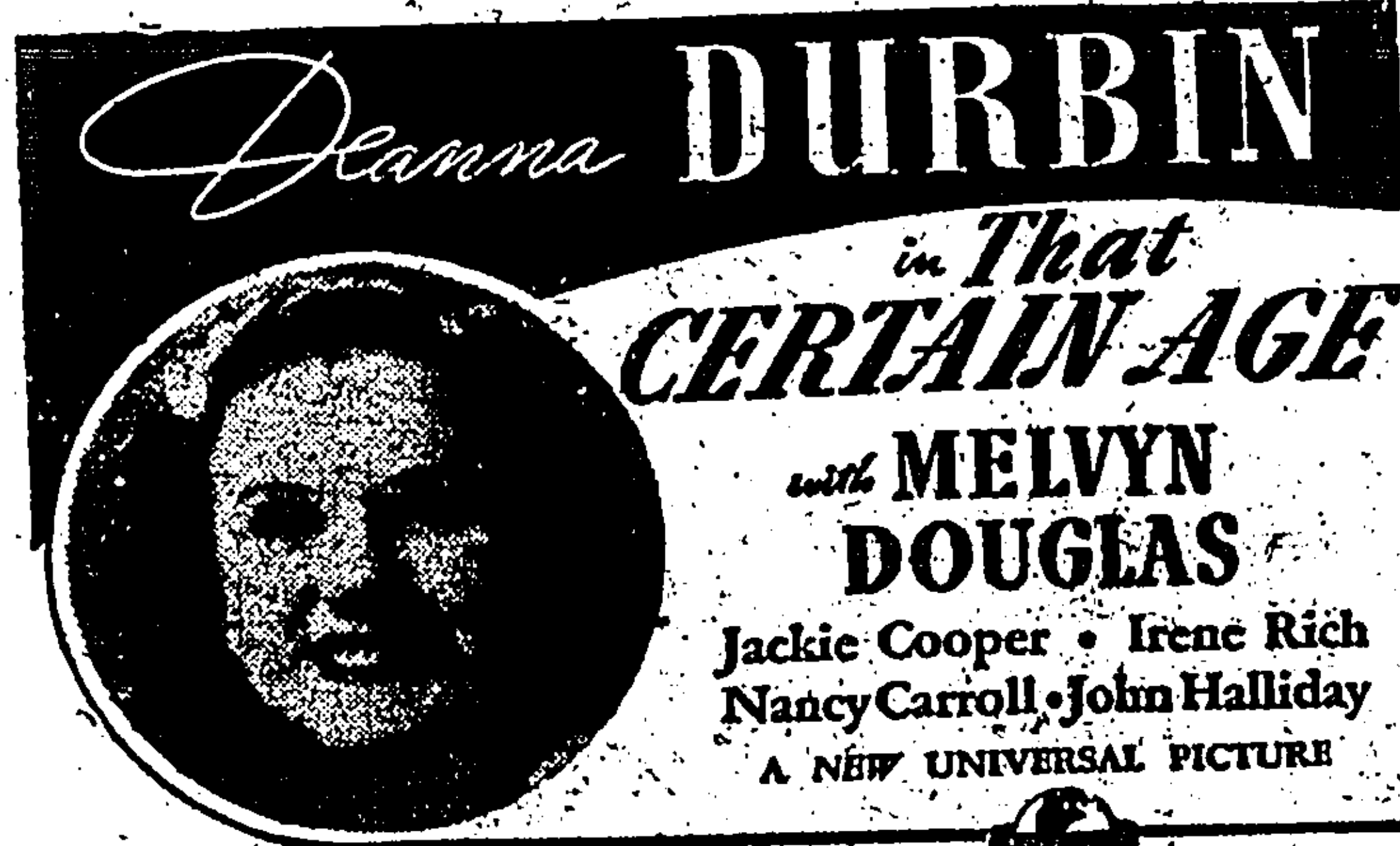
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The chairman said:—

Compared with the previous year, traffic receipts are up by \$511,544, passengers at 59% millions are up by over 12 millions or 26% and the year's net profit at \$1,184,953 is up by \$417,732 or 54%.

When it was decided to make the drastic cut in fares (a cut of 40% except on Shaukiwan route) it was realized that a great increase in passengers would be necessary even to maintain the then revenue. Thus, although last year's receipts were higher by 35% than in 1932—which was the previous best year for traffic receipts—the number of passengers exceeded those of 1932 by as much as 67%.

INCREASE IN PASSENGERS

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the numerous comparisons one could make is the increase in the number of passengers which has taken place in the space of only 3 years. In 1935—the last year under the old fares—the number of passengers was 29 millions. Last year this number was more than doubled—an increase, in fact, of 104%.

Hence, although it is claimed that our fares—the equivalent of about 9 miles for a penny—are the lowest of any road passenger transport system in the world, the action of your Board of Directors in reducing the fares in 1936 to their present level has been fully vindicated.

It must, however, be borne in mind that the fall of Canton last October caused a further influx of refugees into the Colony, the population of which is estimated still to be fully a quarter of a million in excess of normal.

During the year we have added six tramcars to the fleet which now amounts to 103. To enable these to be housed, we have completed the new car shed in King's Road. This building is 240 feet long by 76 feet and, although it occupies little more than a quarter of the large site which, 7 years ago, we purchased in this area, it is much larger than we require at the moment. Your directors considered, however, that if an additional tramcar depot was necessary the opportunity should be taken to make provision for several years ahead.

NEW DEPOT

The roof of the new depot is constructed on the lattice girder and "Northern lights" principle and bridges the whole area without any support from internal stanchions. Three tracks with inspection pits have been laid to house 21 trams and there is room for a further 2 tracks.

Just about the close of the year the new alignment at Arsenal Street was completed and a new double track was laid in the centre of the new 100 feet road between Queen's Road East and the junction of Hennessy Road and Johnston Road. The length of the new track is 810 yards and with thermite welded rail joints. The elimination of the Arsenal Street curves (4 rails per curve) will not only effect a saving in wear and tear but has greatly improved the general lay-out of the tramway at that important junction.

An unusually large programme of replacements of tramcar trucks and traction motors was carried out during the year—a total of 12 new Peckham pendulum trucks and 24 new motors (with roller bearings) having been obtained from England and have replaced a similar number of old trucks and old motors on cars with comparatively new bodies.

I regret to have to report the retirement, last week, of Mr. F. H. Glover, the Assistant General Manager, after 14 years outstanding service with the Company. He leaves with the best wishes of the Board for many happy years of retirement.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Turning now to the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts; a very considerable volume of work of a capital nature has been executed during the year involving an expenditure of \$435,562.54, largely for additional tramcars and replacement of car equipment, new buildings at the King's Road depot and track improvements which have been already mentioned. The whole of this development has been met, as usual, out of current cash balances. Another item of \$143,982 transferred to Tramway Undertaking represents King's Road land appearing before development in Other Property.

Goodwill and Construction Expenses, against which \$63,450 has been written off, are finally extinguished and throughout Tramway Undertaking Account and that of House and Other Property depreciation on the usual scale has been fully provided.

You will notice that Investment Account has been written-down by \$160,402.27. In view of the record results and remembering the uncertain state of world affairs your Directors have taken the opportunity to write down investments to market values at 31st December, 1938. This account now gives a return of over 5% per annum.

TRIBUTE TO MANAGEMENT

I think I have mentioned everything necessary except perhaps to stress that in an especially heavy traffic year, when we carried an additional twelve million passengers and earned over half-a-million dollars higher revenue, total operating costs rose by less than 10% compared with 1937. More cars were in service, a greater mileage run, more labour employed and the increase—or perhaps I should say, the comparative absence of it—requires honourable mention.

As hitherto, a transfer of \$100,000 to General Reserve Account has been allocated.

An interim dividend of 45 cents per share was paid in August last and your Board now recommends a final dividend of 90 cents per share or \$1.35 per share for the year. Thus \$877,500 is paid to shareholders and a balance of \$99,484.26 remains to be carried forward.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy seconded resolution for adoption of the report and accounts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Messrs. A. H. Compton and F. A. Joseph were re-elected to the Board on the motion of Mr. D. V. Steavensen, seconded by Mr. B. Wong Tape, while Mr. H. V. Wilkinson was confirmed as a director.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. W. Allen, seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.

The following were present:—The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, Sir Shou-son Chow and Mr. F. A. Joseph (directors) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. B. W. Tape, D. V. Steavensen, John Gardner, F. W. Stapleton, H. W. Hammond, W. Allen, H. Gittins, P. S. Cassidy, A. R. Pullerton, K. C. Mark, Wong Kit-wan, Lo Kai-wing, C. S. Isbister, E. Ezra, Chun Seng-choo, and W. A. Stewart.

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EXPLOSION OF BOMB AT KING'S CROSS

London, To-day.

A railwayman was injured when a bomb exploded in a goods shed at King's Cross yesterday afternoon.

It is regarded as certain that the bomb was planted by a terrorist of the I.R.A.

Enquiry thus far, however, has failed to produce any clue that might lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the outrage.—Trans-Ocean.

AIR TRAGEDIES IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Two training machines of the Civil Air Guard collided in mid-air over Nottingham aerodrome and crashed in flames yesterday afternoon. One pilot was killed and the other, by bailing out by parachute, landed safely.

Aeroplanes of the R.A.F. and lifeboats have abandoned their search for the bomber which is believed to have crashed in a fog to the east of Folkestone at noon yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW GERMAN REFUGEES PLAN SATISFIES EARL WINTERTON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LORD WINTERTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE EVIAN COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, IN A SPEECH AT BRISTOL LAST NIGHT, DESCRIBED THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S LATEST PROPOSALS FOR MIGRATION OF NON-ARYANS AS A BIG STEP TOWARDS THE COMMITTEE'S GOAL.

He added that these should result in orderly migration of refugees from Germany over a period of five years and amelioration meanwhile of the lot of Jews and other non-Aryans in Germany.

Claiming that British trade benefited from admission of refugees into the country, Lord Winterton said new businesses had been created in the Special Areas and new processes of manufacture had been introduced by refugees.

Trades like the international fur trade, which had its headquarters at Leipzig, now had its headquarters in London because the trade was carried on by Jewish refugees from Germany.—Reuter.

British Wireless adds that the discussions will be renewed tomorrow (Saturday). To-day, the British representatives will meet the Jewish delegates.

INCREASE IN TYRE PRICES

New York, To-day.

An increase in tyre prices averaging two and a half per cent. was announced yesterday by the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company.

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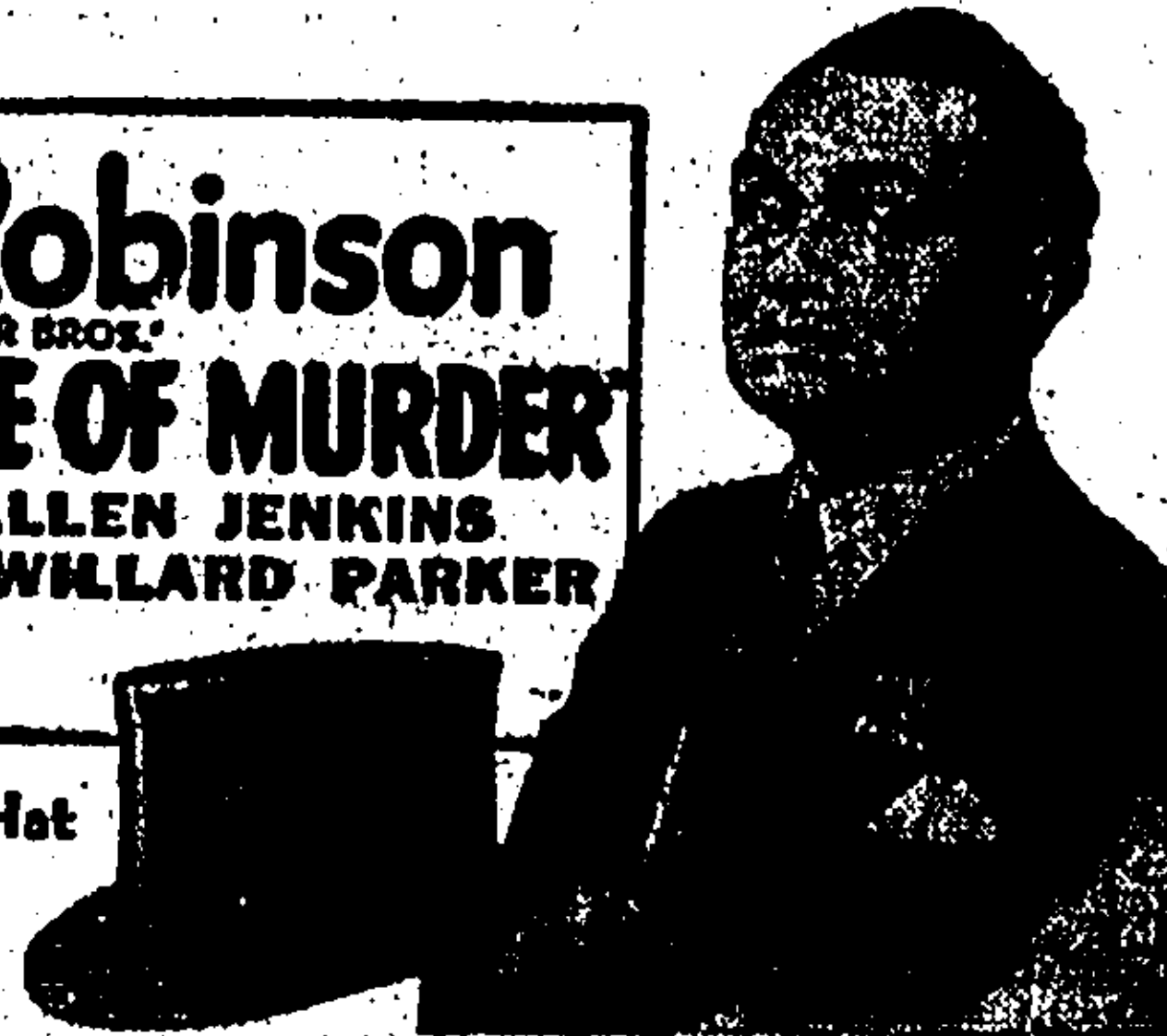
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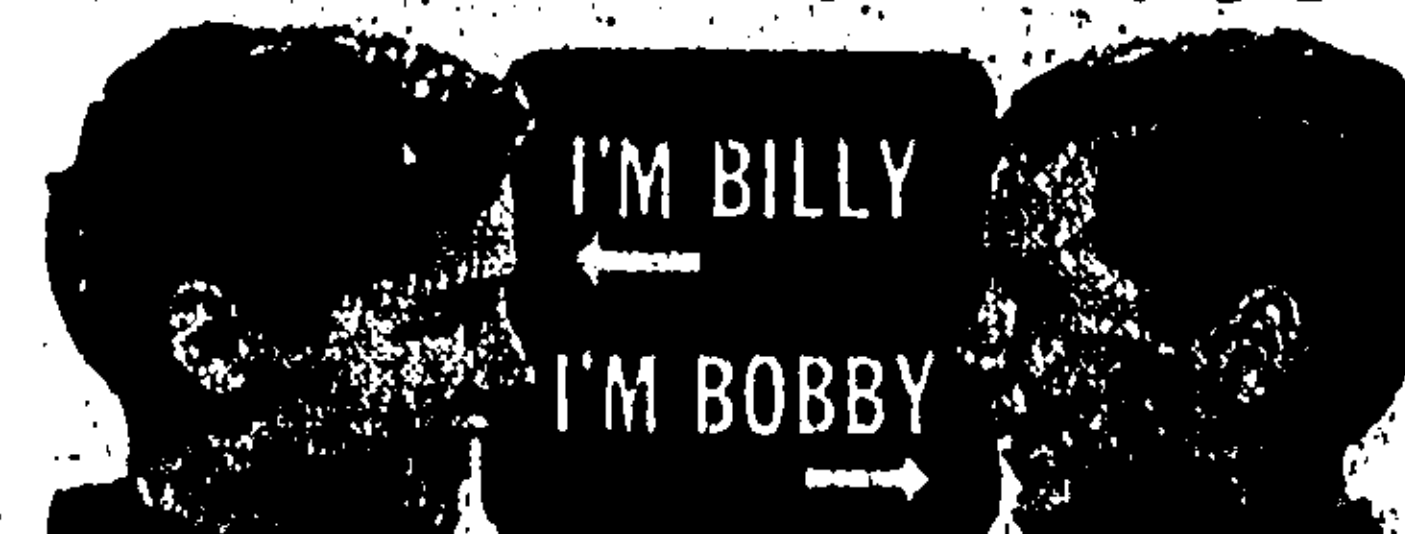
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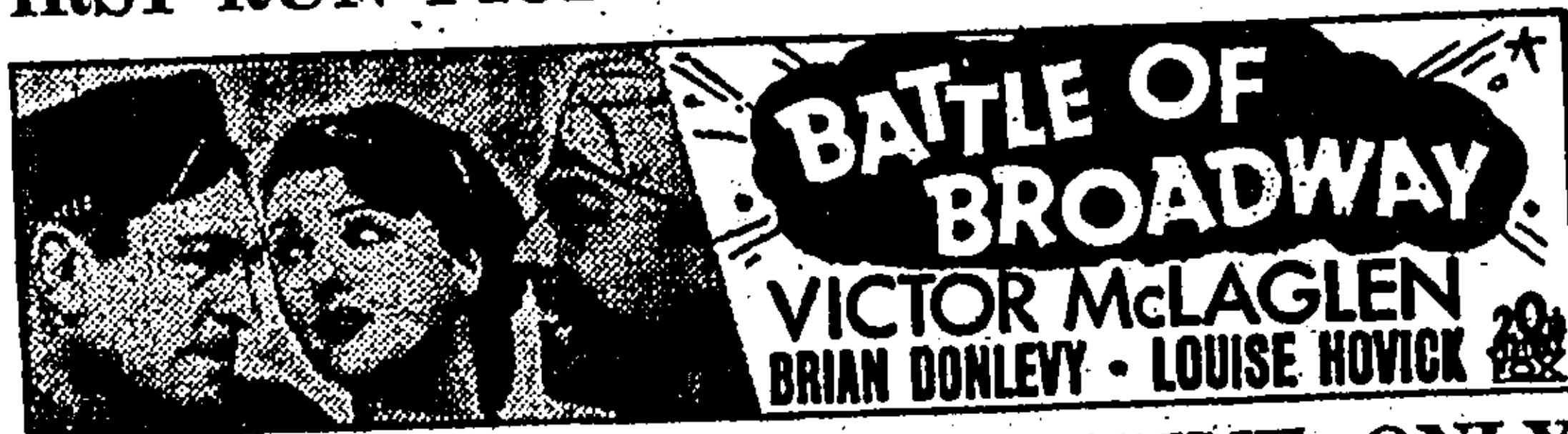
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M.P. Rather Behind Times

London, To-day.

Attention was drawn in the House of Commons yesterday to methods used in China against high explosive bombs.

Particular reference was made by the questioner—Mr. S. F. Markham, Labour member for Nottingham South—to the methods involving light additional roofs built above existing roofs.

Mr. Markham asked whether the Minister for Civil Defence, Sir John Anderson, proposed to develop or introduce any such methods in England.

Sir John Anderson replied that he understood that in China, erection of a series of bamboo roofs over the roofs of buildings were found to be of some value in intercepting and detonating moderate-sized bombs.

However, their use was subsequently prohibited by the Chinese authorities owing to the added fire risk. — Reuter.

CANTON FEATURE

The protection referred to was mainly confined to Canton, a feature of the city being the rows of bamboos constructed over the roofs.

While this "protection" gave the occupants of houses a feeling of confidence, it proved to be entirely useless in prematurely exploding large bombs. As a rule, the bamboo caught fire and added to the confusion of air raids.

SUPPLEMENTARY ARMY VOTE

London, To-day.

A supplementary Army vote for 1938-39 published yesterday amounts to £8,025,000.

The largest single item included in this sum is an amount of £4,535,000 for speeding up the construction of military establishments such as barracks.

Additional expenditure of £901,000 was incurred during the European crisis last year, while the Palestine warfare has cost the army £865,000.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S OVERRULING OF THE ARMY

U.S. Chief Of Staff And French Mission

Wanted To Stick To Red Tape Objections

Washington, To-day.

The controversy over the alleged action of President Roosevelt in overriding the Army's objection to permitting the French air mission to inspect the latest type of American bombers, is again boiling up.

It follows the assertion by an unnamed Senator that the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, confirmed previous allegations in this connection at the closed meeting of the Senate military committee yesterday.

Senator Warren Austin (Republican), who is also a member of the committee, revealed that Mr. Morgenthau's earlier testimony disclosed that President Roosevelt overrode the specific objections of General Mallin Craig, the Army's Chief of Staff, to permit the mission to buy the latest type bombers.

Senator Austin said the objections raised by Army officials were that purchase of the planes by the French might interfere with speed of production for the Administration's own programme.

DENIED PRIORITY

They also objected that the Army would be denied its usual year's priority of use of the latest type planes.

The type involved was a Douglas light bomber which is being tested for an entry competition for the United States Army contract.

Senator Austin said the committee learnt that the French later contracted for purchase of 100 of this type. — Reuter.

ONLY A TRIVIAL ACCIDENT

Mr. S. A. Lopes, of Dorset Crescent, was fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for failing to report an accident in Nathan Road on January 23.

Mr. Lopes stated that the injured man agreed it was not necessary to report such a trivial accident. The man was only slightly hurt.

A fine of \$7 was imposed on Pte. C. Bartlett, Middlesex Regiment, for speeding in a military lorry. The lorry limited to 15 m.p.h. was travelling at 35 m.p.h. in Prince Edward Road on January 26.

A similar summons against Gunner Mahmoud Khan, Gun Club Hill, was adjourned as defendant is in hospital.

Miss Rebecca Ng, of No. 15, Cumberland Road, was fined \$8 for driving without headlights and failing to produce her driving licence on January 26 at 8.30 p.m. in Waterloo Road.

CLARENCE HATRY

Sir,—In your paper yesterday instead of tersely warning your readers that Clarence Hatry had been released after his imprisonment for swindling thousands of people, you gave in a typical modern journalistic effort a highly sympathetic account of his homecoming. 'Pink Carnations' and a Villa at Cannes' apparently at once featured as part of the ordinary life of the ex-prisoner.

On the contrary what has fallen to the lot of his dupes is told in the following paragraph taken from a financial paper of 31st December last—

"Hatry Companies
The liquidator of Corporation and General Securities, Dundee Trust, and Retail Trade Securities has given notice that it is intended to pay first and final Dividends to Creditors of these Companies. A first and final Dividend of 2 1/5 pence in the £ is to be paid by the liquidator to Creditors of Austin Friars Trust on 16th January. There is no prospect of any return to shareholders of any of these Companies—

After being paid less than one cent in the Dollar it is to be hoped his creditors will line up in huge numbers to give him a hearty welcome home on his return from the Riviera.

Yours, etc.
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HEROIC AIR ACT REPORTED

Ningkuo, Anhwei, To-day.

Another heroic act was performed by Chinese airmen, piloting a damaged plane at Wuhu, on February 9.

According to reports reaching here, when a squadron of Chinese bombers staged an air raid over the Japanese warships at Wuhu, one of the machines was damaged by Japanese anti-aircraft shells.

With a crash inevitable the airmen dashed the plane, which was loaded with bombs, on a Japanese warship. Both the machine and the warship were blown up.—Central News.

Mr. H. M. Hull, of "Zara," Deep Water Bay, has reported that between 1 and 6 a.m. yesterday, his residence was entered and articles to the value of \$380 stolen.

Mr. F. Whelan, of No. 8, Grandville Road, has reported a burglary at about 5 a.m. yesterday morning, when a gold watch and chain were stolen.

CAR WHICH HAD RYTHMIC CHANGED HANDS BOMBARDMENT OF MADRID

Private G. McGregor, of the Royal Scots, was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for driving motor car No. 3102 without a licence.

Inspector Saunders said the case arose out of an accident in King's Road, in which a soldier was killed.

In this connection, Mr. J. S. Ford was summoned for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive the car. When his name was called, Kartar Singh answered and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Ford, who later arrived in court, said the car had not been his for some time. He had defaulted on instalments and, as far as he knew, it had been taken over by Gilman's.

Inspector Saunders said the Police record still showed the car as belonging to Mr. Ford.

If what Mr. Ford said was the case his department would be taking summonses for not reporting a change of ownership against Mr. Ford and Kartar Singh.

The case was adjourned.

Lt. Walker, of H.M.S. Rainbow, has reported the theft of milk and sugar to the value of \$27 from the ship yesterday, at the Royal Naval Dockyard.

MADRID, TO-DAY.
THE CITY IS BEING STEADILY BOMBARDED BY NATIONALIST BATTERIES AT THE RATE OF ONE HIGH CALIBRE SHELL EVERY HALF HOUR.

The bombardment began on Wednesday night and has continued ever since.

The methodical nature of the attack is nerve-racking to the inhabitants, who are being kept in a constant state of tension.—Reuter.

H.K. CRICKETER MARRIED

The marriage between Miss Adelheid Ethel Greiner, of Shanghai, and Mr. Ernest Zimmern, well-known cricketer of the Craigengower Cricket Club, took place at the Registry this morning.

The ceremony was conducted by the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. T. J. Gould.

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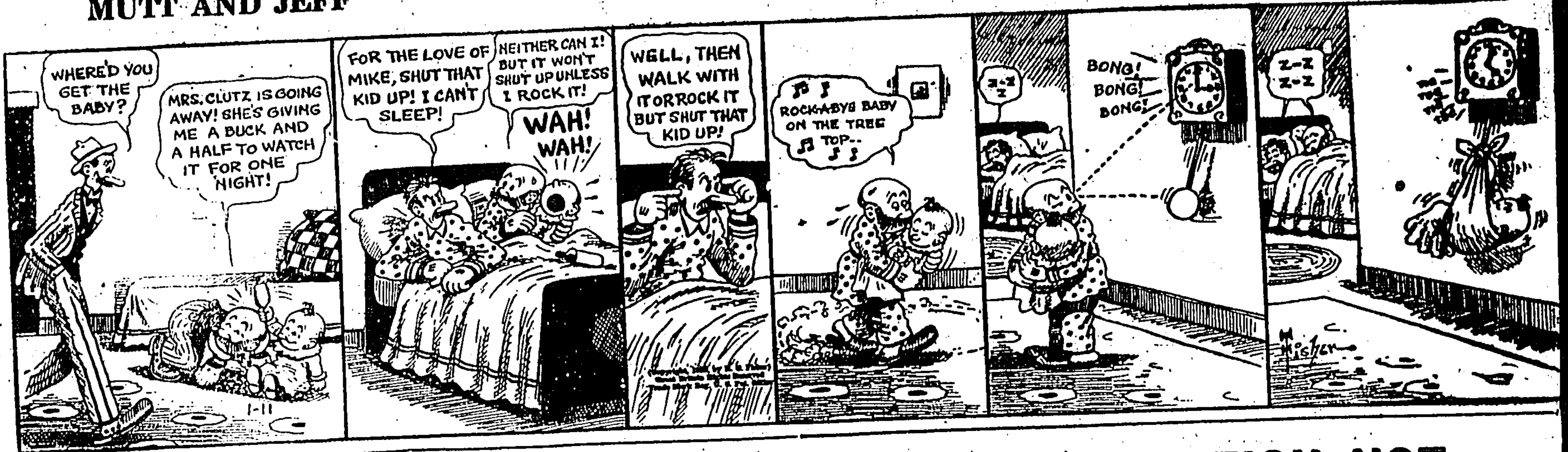
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HAINAN OCCUPATION NOT YET CAUSING ANXIETY IN NETH. EAST INDIES

The Hague, To-day.

The importance of Hainan Island as a possible base for Japanese attack on the East Indies, was raised in the Second Chamber yesterday. The Netherlands Indies Communist leader, Effendi, said the Netherlands Indies were now within easy reach of the Japanese.

He urged the natives to co-operate in the defence system of the colony, and also asked for measures to counteract Japanese espionage there.

General Baletto, military expert on the Netherlands Indies, however, said that while he did not under-estimate the strategical importance of Hainan to the Japanese in the event of conflict in the Pacific, he thought Japan had sufficient worries on her hands in connexion with the Chinese hostilities.

He had no fear for the Dutch colonies.—Reuter.

ARABS CLAIM INDEPENDENT STATE RIGHTS

London, To-day.

Claim for establishment of an independent Arab state was formally submitted when the Arab delegation met the British delegation yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, opened the discussion by enunciating general suggestions of alternatives to an independent Arab State.

Jamal Hussein, replying, gave reasons why such a State need not be considered incompatible with the existence of a Jewish minority in Palestine.

Discussion on autonomous machinery followed, and embraced past autonomous institutions in Palestine within the meaning of Article Two of the Mandate.—Reuter.

BOMBINGS OF JAPANESE SENTRIES

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese guerillas have filtered into Hongkew, the Japanese defence area in Shanghai, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

On Wednesday two Japanese sentries were killed by guerillas with hand-grenades in Hwa Teh Road.

A report, yet unconfirmed, states that two more Japanese sentries were killed yesterday morning.

Japanese sentries at Garden Bridge across the Soochow Creek searched all Chinese and foreign pedestrians yesterday morning.—Central News.

ANNIVERSARY OF "NEW LIFE"

Chungking, To-day.

The National Association for the Promotion of the New Life Movement will celebrate the fifth anniversary of its founding on Feb. 19. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, founder and chief promoter of the Movement, will make a radio speech on the Movement at 9 p.m. that day.—Central News.

SKI CHAMPIONS

Zakopane, To-day.

In the world ski championships yesterday Stanislaw Marusz (Poland) won the jumping event with jumps of 73½ and 71½ metres.

Berauer (Germany) won the combined langlauf and jump with 429.6 points.—Reuter.

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Germany Finds Argument For Colonies In British Armament

STRONG ENOUGH TO RETURN THEM TO REICH

Berlin, To-day.

Considered semi-official comments on the British rearmament White Paper appeared last night in the "Diplomatische Korrespondenz."

The journal says the main point is whether this new strength will influence Britain to feel she can now afford to return Germany's colonies or whether it will be used to back up downright rejection of colonial claims.

Germany has never adopted any other standpoint, says the paper, than that it is right for every country to safeguard its own security.

A strong Britain, conscious of her own strength, cannot longer reject Germany's well-founded claims for recognition of her rights and vital needs without laying herself open to the reproach that her unassailable military position makes settlement of such differences by peaceful means appear superfluous.

"SOUR GRAPES!"

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" writes that the new programme has aroused enthusiasm in Paris, while the British taxpayer must eat sour grapes.

Doubling the armaments bill in a country with two million unemployed, says the publication is a measure which every private household will feel keenly.—Reuter.

NEAT ARGUMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The reasons given by the British Government for further expanding its rearmament programme, as set forth in the White Paper, are the subject of lengthy Government comment.

The "Deutsche Diplomatische Politisch Korrespondenz," the mouthpiece of the German Foreign Office, draws a parallel between the facts set forth in the White Paper and elucidated by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, and the sentiments voiced by the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Hen-

derson, at the Anglo-German gathering in Berlin on Wednesday.

Germany, it says, has always recognised the right of every State to adopt appropriate measures for ensuring its security. What is of prime concern in inter-State relations, however, is how the sense of the augmented strength of one State affects understanding for the justified vital interests of other nations.

"IRRESPONSIBLE"

In reference to the way in which the British public is made to feel the necessity for rearmament, "Korrespondenz" maintains that in using the argument of direct threat to England by other countries, recourse is had to a method which is irresponsible and calculated to do harm to international relations.

If, adds this German comment, Sir Kingsley Wood is able to declare that the might of Britain will never be misused to impose conditions on other countries, this, in itself, implies the removal of those factors which have hitherto stood in the way of the fulfilment of Germany's colonial claims.

MIGHT V. RIGHT

Otherwise, British rearmament would simply imply acceptance by Britain of the dictum that right must give way to might. British policy, in future, will be faced with the task of determining the effects of British rearmament upon

FOUR ARABS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Jerusalem, To-day.

Four Arabs captured south of Bethlehem a week ago by detachments of the Worcestershire Regiment, were yesterday sentenced to death by the Jerusalem military court.

This makes seven death sentences by this court in two days.—Reuter.

its relations with other countries.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," remarks that in seeking public for an enlarged defence programme, the British Government and press subject international relations to a severe test by operating with the spectre of invasion. This deplorable campaign, started on the day when Mr. Chamberlain returned home from Munich, places difficulties in the way of realising the wish expressed by the British Ambassador that England as a maritime power and Germany as a continental power should work together for the renaissance of Western civilisation.—Trans-Ocean.

ICE HOUSE STREET ACCIDENT

Mr. D. Roukens, of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning for driving without due care and caution near Ice House Street on January 31 at 12.30 p.m. and with failing to report an accident.

He pleaded guilty, was fined \$20 and ordered to pay \$5 compensation for damage to the car with which he collided.

Pte. J. Smith, of the Royal Scots, was fined \$5 on each of two charges of driving a lorry without a licence and without the owner's permission.

ITALIAN LIBYAN MOVES NOT AGAINST EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

Declarations referring to Egypt made by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano in recent conversations with the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, are, in the opinion of Egyptian circles suitable to negotiations for an Italo-Egyptian non-aggression pact.

Count Ciano, according to reports here, informed the British Ambassador that the present Italian troop reinforcements in Libya, about which the Ambassador inquired, were not directed against Egypt. The Egyptian Government has asked for official Italian Charts on the Libyan frontier for examination in order to prepare a new agreement on delimitation of the frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

ABD EL KRIM'S REQUEST

Paris, To-day.

Abd el Krim who, fourteen years ago, led the revolt of the Riff tribesmen against French rule in Morocco and held out in his mountain fastnesses against an army of 160,000 men before finally surrendering to France in May, 1926, is now reported to have sent a request to the French Government from his exile on Reunion Island, asking for permission for two sons to enter the famous military training college of Saint-Cyr.

He points out that it has become customary for sons of notable tribal leaders in French African possessions to receive military education at this training centre.

For himself, he entertains only feelings of loyalty towards France.—Trans-Ocean.

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SPAIN AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Perhaps Mr. R. A. Butler can find a source of satisfaction in the Italian explanation that they have failed to carry out the terms of the Anglo-Italian Agreement, and have set fresh troops to Libya, because the French have decided to provide Tunisia with additional troops for its defence. We find it difficult to do so.

Meanwhile, both Britain and France are dicker with the idea of giving de jure recognition to the Franco Administration in Spain, in spite of the known fact that this would still further disappoint our friends in the United States, and leave out of account the depth of Franco's political commitments to the Axis.

No recognition should, in fact, be accorded before it has first been established whether (a) Franco is prepared to remove foreign troops from Spain as soon as the Government has capitulated and (b) whether Spain, under Franco, proposes to join the anti-Comintern Pact.

It is perfectly true, perhaps, to assert that realism demand recognition of the fact that, as things stand at the moment, General Franco is the only man likely to achieve anything effective towards the rehabilitation of the country. It is equally true, however, that acceptance of that con-

clusion can bring no satisfaction in according him diplomatic recognition if he intends to ally himself with Italy with the Mediterranean situation as it is today.

Franco's successes coincide with a sharp renewal in the Italian Press of gross insult to France. As to Tunis, Corsica, Nice, France has stood firm. But is it much use standing firm if access to her African possessions is cut off by the Italian and German conquest of Spain? With Italy firmly entrenched in the Balearic isles?

For two and a half years — since the first day of Franco's Italian-backed stab at Spain, intelligent observers have besought the democracies to consider this question strategically, if they could not be persuaded to consider it in mercy and pity for the desperately brave people of Spain.

And now, "The Times" Paris correspondent tells us—"There is reason to believe that M. Daladier himself is losing patience with a situation by which Italy has complete freedom of action while France stands by with her hands tied."

It has taken two and a half years to lose patience! Two and a half years to realise that tours in Tunis are useless if Tunis is to be cut off from France, while Mussolini annexes France's possessions in Africa, by holding her hands fast in Spain!

And, for Britain, the defeat of France, what would that mean?

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Pensions For M.P.s

So, after a discussion which has carried on for several years, the House of Commons has at last summoned up the courage to vote itself pensions, where needed. The House voted nearly two to one in favour of the scheme, which envisages the deduction of a small sum from members' salaries to provide a pension fund for victims of subsequent misfortune.

There can be no real argument against the proposal since it involves no fresh charge upon the Exchequer. Everyone feels a reproach in the spectacle of an legislator having to fall back upon public relief, as has happened in more than one case. With political careers tending to become less stable, particularly just now when cleavages are sharp and public opinion is apt to create surprises even in "safe" constituencies, such cases are only too possible. And no-one can contend that Parliamentary service, while virtually a whole-time occupation, provides a salary that leaves any margin for saving.

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Libel Law

Sir Stanley Hill's bill, introduced in the House of Commons a fortnight ago, and designed to amend the law of libel, has been withdrawn.

Sir Stanley consented to this procedure on the undertaking of the Attorney-General to set up an expert inquiry into the whole subject. Its findings cannot be otherwise than to corroborate the misuse of legal processes for the blackmailing of the Press and publishers. Some of the evidence to be laid before it should be of quite a graphic astonishment.

BRITISH WARNING

Freedom To Act In Emergency Required

London, To-day.

A White Paper announces that the British Government has informed the League of Nations that it cannot, in future, undertake to be bound in wartime by the general act for pacific settlement of international disputes drawn up at Geneva on September 26, 1938.

However, the British Government will continue to subscribe fully to it in peacetime.

"The changes which have occurred in regard to the League of Nations and the position of its members in relation to their obligations under the Covenant," are mentioned as one of the principal reasons for the decision.

It is added that the British Government is ready to consider any proposals which might seem likely to secure general acceptance for revision of the Act and so bring it into conformity with present conditions.

Well-informed quarters attach no undue significance to the decision.

NOT ENVISAGED

It is emphasised that war is not envisaged as an immediate possibility. The British Government merely does not wish to be bound by any undertaking which it might find impossible to keep under the changed circumstances now obtaining in Europe.

It is noteworthy that the Act has never actually been appealed to.

FRANCE ALSO

A despatch from Geneva reveals that communications similar to that of the British Government have been received by the League from M. Georges Bonnet, French Foreign Minister; the New Zealand High Commissioner in London and the Marquess of Zetland, Secretary of State for India.—Reuter.

OIL COMPANIES SEEK ANOTHER INJUNCTION

Mexico City, To-day.

The foreign oil companies have jointly filed an application for an injunction against the effectiveness of any action which may be taken under partial valuation of their properties by the National Economy Department.

It is claimed that pending the Supreme Court decision, valuation by a subsidiary authority such as the Economy Department, cannot be acted upon.—Reuter.

HUKOW RETAKEN

Siangyang, Hunan, To-day.

Hukow, at the mouth of the Poyang Lake in north Kiangsi, has been recaptured by the Chinese after fierce fighting.—Central News.

Hainan Townships Severely Bombed

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Kwangchowwan, To-day.

It is claimed in official Chinese despatches from Hainan Island that the Japanese have not yet reached Ting-An.

Fighting is proceeding about five miles north of Ting-An, which is expected to be occupied to-day.

Ting-An was mercilessly bombed yesterday and is partly in ruins. Fires are burning unchecked in the city, which has been evacuated, by the civilian population.

Street fighting in Wenchang, about 40 miles south-east of Kiungchow, is reported. The Japanese entered the western suburbs. Wenchang was also severely bombed, in relays, by Japanese aircraft.

This morning, it was reported that the Japanese have landed fur-

ther troops at Tsinglan, a port on the north-east coast of Hainan Island about five miles south of Wenchang.

One detachment proceeded towards Wenchang and along the coastal highway, presumably to Wan City.

Hoihow is deserted. Few residents have returned. The proposed organisation of a Peace Preservation Committee has not yet been realised.—Our Own Correspondent.

I.R.A. CASE ADJOURNED

London, To-day.

Owing to the illness of one of the defendants all the defendants in the explosion conspiracy case were remanded at Bow Street yesterday without new evidence being taken.—Reuter.

ONE FOREIGNER ALLOWED TO GO TO KULING

Shanghai, To-day.

It is understood that the Chinese authorities in Kuling, the Yangtse mountain resort, which is being besieged by the Japanese, announce that only one foreigner will be allowed to proceed up the mountain to arrange the evacuation of foreigners.

Lt. Commander Jeffs, commanding U.S.S. Oahu, will go up to-day and will escort down any foreigners who wish to leave before the Japanese warning expires on Monday.—Reuter.

The first Service in the renovated Cheung Chau Assembly Hall (the old structure collapsed owing to damage by white ants) is to be held on Sunday.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

The food situation in territories recently occupied by the Spanish Nationalist authorities is under the constant consideration of the international commission for Spanish child refugees.

The chairman of the commission, Judge Hansen (Norway) and the food controller for Spain Mr. Kershaw (United States) have gone to Burgos to discuss the provision of supplies with the Nationalist authorities.

They will also meet the Infanta Beatrice, who is prominently connected with the Nationalist Spain relief organisation.

The commission has just arranged for some 200 tons of condensed milk to be sent with all speed to Barcelona.

The need for clothing which has now become an acute problem in certain areas and is also engaging the attention of the commission.—British Wireless.

TINGHAI SHELLED

Shanghai, To-day.

Tinghai, Chusan Island, off Chekiang, was again shelled by Japanese warships yesterday.

Uneasiness exists, state messages, following the arrival of several Japanese warships in Tai-chow Bay. A landing is expected to be attempted there.—Our Own Correspondent.

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IDEA REFUTED BY MINISTER OF LABOUR

London, To-day.

An unemployment censure motion, introduced in the House of Commons by the Labour Party yesterday, was defeated.

The motion was moved by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader of the Labour Opposition.

It expressed regret "at the continued failure of the Government to produce a definite policy which recognises that the problem can only be solved by application of socialist principles."

Mr. Greenwood said: "We are getting into a position now where we shall always have, in good times, a standing army of about two million unemployed."

"Even rearmament is not keeping pace with the recession of trade."

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, replying to the Labour attack, said the next returns would show that the number of unemployed was not two millions.

He declared that the standing army of unemployed was nothing like two millions.

NOT A STANDING ARMY

Mr. Brown said that only 289,000, or fifteen per cent, had been unemployed twelve months or longer.

Seventy per cent, had been unemployed less than six weeks.

That showed that the vast majority of unemployed were not a standing army, and also showed that two million people were not decaying in idleness.

Last year nearly three million men had been "placed" by labour exchanges.

Mr. Brown declared the gravest section of the problem was rooted in the international situation, and connected the three great exporting industries—coal, cotton and shipping.

FEWER LONG-TERMS

There were fewer long-term unemployed than had been registered for years. The number declined from 483,000 in May, 1933, to 289,000 now.

Over 109,000 unskilled unemployed men had been trained for various trades, of which 89 per cent, had found work.

At instructional centres where men were prepared for labouring work, 80 per cent, had found employment.

The lower percentage was due to the fact that many of the men had to be brought back to physical fitness.

The political tension and the drop in prices of primary products had had a great effect on stopping the marvellous recovery from 1933 to 1937.—Reuter.

"RATIONALISATION"

Mr. Greenwood, in calling upon Government to advance proposals

to meet the situation, reviewed the position in shipbuilding, cotton, agriculture and other industries which were in a depressed condition, and contrasted this fact with the assertion in the memorandum of the Royal Economic Society that the increase in physical output per operative in the last five years amounted to 27 per cent., and in the case of the engineering industry to 57 per cent.

He urged the need of great public schemes of land drainage and development of ports, harbours, roads and transport as well as work in connection with the protection of the civil population in time of war.

GRAVITY OF PROBLEM

Mr. Ernest Brown said although there was no difference in the country about the gravity of some aspects of the problem it could not be stated in the terms Mr. Greenwood had used.

Grants for public works last year amounted to £300,000,000.

There were twenty residential instructional centres for unemployed, and two non-residential. At any given time they had 22,000 in residential and four thousand in non-residential centres.

HOME DEFENCE

Mr. Brown discussed the opportunities for employment in the home defence programme, including provision at the expense of £20,000,000 of shelters and the vast amount of constructive work in the strengthening of basements and provision of domestic and communal shelters.

He claimed that the Government had made great efforts to set up new industries but a live policy of allaying tension abroad and securing peace must be the best and surest way of providing more employment for the people.

Major Lloyd George (Liberal) urged the necessity of measures for reviving the export trade, and advocated full enquiries into the condition of agriculture.

MR. EDEN'S SPEECH

Mr. Anthony Eden (Conservative) referred with approval to the recent declarations by the President of the Board of Trade and the Secretary of the Overseas Trade

FRENCH ENVOY LEAVING TO-DAY FOR BURGOS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

SENATOR B E R A R D, FRANCE'S EMISSARY TO NATIONALIST SPAIN, IS LEAVING FOR BURGOS TO-DAY WITH TWO MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WITH THE RANK OF SECRETARIES OF EMBASSY.

President Azana, who fled to France before the fall of Barcelona, left for Madrid by air last evening.

Senor Alvarez del Vayo, the Spanish Foreign Minister, visited Paris for the purpose of persuading President Azana to return to Spain. — Reuter.

Department in reference to the new form of competition abroad which had to be met.

If all nations would join in putting into force the Van Zeeland Report there would be a great improvement, but unfortunately some nations were not yet convinced of that.

He recommended consideration of the construction of camps, which he believed would make an appeal to the younger unemployed, and drew attention to the success attending such development in the United States.

FOUR-YEAR-PLAN

He also advocated extension to other areas of schemes such as those already put into operation in the Special Areas, and said he saw no reason why Britain could not have its own four-year plan comprising construction of camps, amenity schemes and special housing schemes.—British Wireless.

MR. OLIVER STANLEY'S REVIEW

After the considerable but not extreme trade recession beginning last year, the curve flattened out in the late summer and since then has been either steady or has tended slightly to rise, declared Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, concluding the unemployment debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

He disclosed that the Government regarded shipbuilding as a matter of great urgency.

NEW POLICY

Formerly the policy on economic grounds had been to scrap old tonnage and build new, but the policy in relation to defence now was to lay up old tonnage and build new.

Defence expenditure would have an immediate effect on employment. If the export trade could be held and increased in the coming year, effective inroads would

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RESIGNATION OF BURMESE GOVERNMENT

RANGOON, TO-DAY.

THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT HAS TENDERED ITS RESIGNATION, AND THE GOVERNOR IS PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY WITH FORMATION OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT.

The Government's resignation was the aftermath of long continued riots and disturbances.

In the House of Representatives yesterday the opposition accused the Government of failing to maintain law and order.

The recent report of the committee enquiring into the riots attributed the reasons to the unsatisfactory condition of land tenure, the effect of Indian immigration, marriage of Burmese women with foreigners, particularly Indians, and the attitude of the press and other political influences.—Reuter.

BAN ON CATALAN LANGUAGE IN CATALONIA

Barcelona, To-day.

The use of the Catalan language as a second official language in Catalonia has been prohibited by a special decree signed by General Franco. Spanish will be the only official language throughout the Catalan province. All Catalan political and self-administrative authorities have been dissolved and replaced by officials of Franco. — Trans-Ocean.

be made on the number of unemployed.

TRADE TALKS

Referring to the coming Anglo-German trade talks, Mr. Stanley said: "We want to ascertain whether it is possible to reach a modus vivendi with the totalitarian states or whether we can do nothing but fight them with their own weapons."

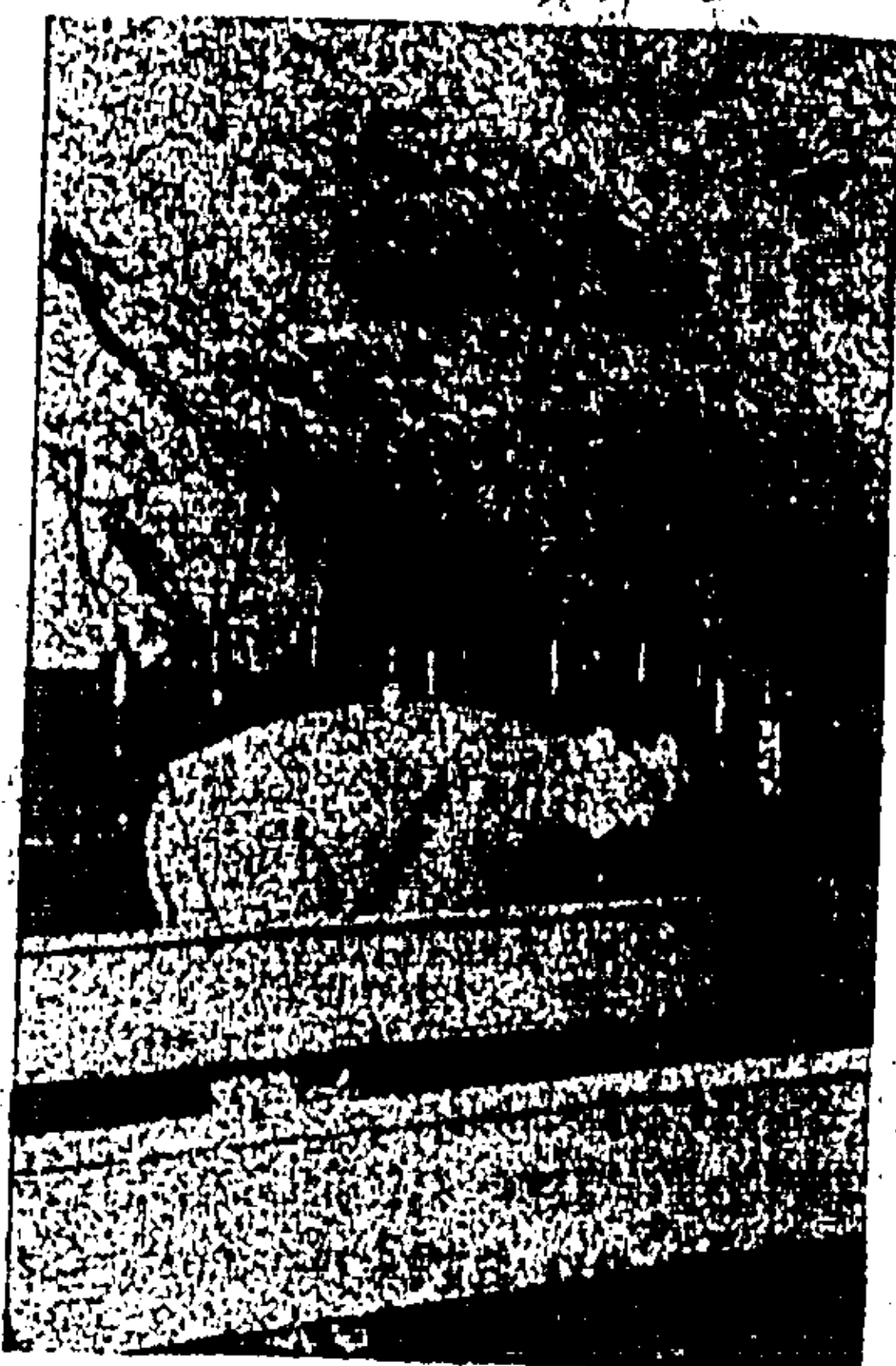
Alluding to the demands for colonies Mr. Stanley said that if all those countries' demands were granted, whatever they derived therefrom would add less to the prosperity and happiness of their peoples than they could get by a stroke of the pen in helping to remove the tension which they have helped to create.

LIGHTENING TENSION

He believed there was some solid basis for the recent feeling of lightening of the tension. Certainly it was the Government's intention to provide such a basis.

The Labour unemployment motion of censure was rejected by 344 votes to 146. — Reuter.

News Snack Bar



An old brick arch which for 140 years has carried road traffic over the Stratford-on-Avon Canal at Alicester Road South, Birmingham, is to be demolished to make way for a new bridge. Before it disappears, however, the old bridge is being tested to breaking point. Photo shows an expert taking readings under the arch of the deflection under strain on all points of the arch. About 200 tons pressure were applied to the bridge.

DAME E. CADBURY HURT

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, broke her leg when leaving her train during a journey to the South of France. She is now resting at Mentone.

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BEAT CALF TO DEATH

For beating a calf to death with an iron tool, Richard Powning, eighteen, farmer, of Cambourne, Cornwall, was fined £21 at Cambourne.

The chairman of the Bench said that but for Powning's youth he would have been sent to prison.

Mr. E. Thomas, for the R.S.P.C.A., declared that Powning had shown sheer, nauseating cruelty.

For Powning, Mr. E. E. Thrall submitted that the youth had acted out of kindness.

The calf was in the last throes of a disease, and Powning, in his first attempt at slaughtering, had lost his head.

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EX-R.N.R. OFFICERS

MAY SPECIALISE

Royal Naval Reserve officers who transfer to the Royal Navy will in future be able to specialise in gunnery, torpedo, navigation or signals on the same footing as other naval officers, it is announced.

DOG SAVES MEN IN RIVER

A dog saved the lives of a boatload of men who were crossing a river in North Assam, North-East India.

The boat capsized in mid-stream, leaving the men struggling in the water.

The dog, which had been on the boat, and was also thrown in to the water, swam ashore, and ran to a village near the river bank, barking furiously.

Guessing from the dog's agitation that something was wrong, says Reuter, some villagers went to the river and rescued the men by boat.

WAY TO A MAN'S HEART-COMFORT IN HOME

The way to a man's heart is NOT through his stomach.

Girls, if you want to have him to hold you must feather his love nest.

Provide him with a chair that woos him from the club, and he'll woo you.

TONS OF CANDLES FROM COAL

About 16,000 tons of candles are made each year in Germany from coal by-products—a third of Reich requirements, states Reuter.

SHIPBUILDING TONNAGE IS DOWN

Merchant vessels under construction in Great Britain and Ireland at the end of December aggregated 779,762 tons, a decrease of 105,719 tons on the previous quarter and 345,664 tons down on the figures for December, 1937, states Lloyd's Register Shipbuilding Returns.

LAUGHTER IN COURT

Heard at Tottenham:—

Witness: If ever I see a man trying to start his car, I always watch, because sometimes you see them go off the handle.

Woman: I gave my husband every assistance when he was unemployed. I told him that if the worst came I would leave him.

Motorist: I have never been in a police court before. I always sent my wife.

Clerk: Have you anything you wish to say?

Woman: No, I have no evidence against me.

MAY BE WORLD'S RICHEST IN IRON

Egypt's iron ore deposits, contained in an area of about 500 square miles in the Aswan province, may prove to be the richest in the world, according to a report by Saba Habashi Bey, Egyptian Minister of Commerce and Industry, quoted by British United Press.

TRAIN WRAPPED IN COTTON WOOL

Wrapped in a ton of cotton wool, the stream lined French train Micheline, which will be exhibited at the New York World Fair with the L.M.S. Coronation Scot, left France in the liner Champlain.

R. B. BENNET AS M.P.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, who is soon to make his home in Surrey, will enter the House of Commons, according to predictions in Toronto. This view was expressed by speakers introducing Mr. Bennett, when he made what was probably his last important speech before leaving for England. He criticised the Canada-U.S. trade treaty, urged closer ties between Canada and the Empire.

LOVE IS A SCIENCE

Dr. Marie Jahoda, eminent Viennese sociopsychologist, has studied it.

And here, after five months' research in Bristol, are her findings:

Husbands, she says, cannot stand petty annoyances—chairs that are too short for them, desks that have no drawers for filing papers.

Give them a living room in which the furniture is beautiful yet designed for the special purpose for which it is required, and they will come home in the evenings.

Criticising Bristol wives, she says they mirror the wives of England as a whole.

She maintains that they have no sense of beauty in this city—that all the rooms are furnished in just the same way, with two easy chairs and a settee and look just like a shop window.

NO BEAUTY-TEACHING

The reason? There is no education in taste or beauty in Bristol schools, according to her—only a tradition that eventually leads even the younger generation to bolster up the sham of the present-day culture.

This is based on the social snobbery which calls only for appearance and considers a thing beautiful because it does not look cheap.

Dr. Jahoda bases this theory on the fact that eighty per cent. of Bristol women, when asked to choose between a comfortable chair and an uncomfortable one which has a certain elegance conforming to their own cultural idea, choose the latter.

Another claim she makes is that dogs and cats are likely to have a better time than many men and women.

Nearly every middle-class family in Bristol, she says, has an animal on which to lavish attention, training and food.



A swing has been installed on Monkey Hill, the home of the Indian-Rhesus Monkeys at the London Zoo. Of course, they have taken to it as though born to one. Photo shows some of the Indian Rhesus monkey family—which numbers about 80—enjoying themselves.

THE TWINS ATE LABELS

Twins, Peter and Elizabeth, German refugees who are not yet two, ate their luggage labels just before they reached England yesterday.

The labels, used to trace their luggage, had been tied round their necks. But the children—apparently anxious to lose all reminders of Nazi Germany—swallowed them before the boat berthed at Harwich.

Peter and Elizabeth—their other name is Amster—are the youngest refugees brought over by the movement for the care of young children from Germany.

Accompanied by a nurse they were taken to David Jacob's holiday home, Roseneath, Broadstairs.

DEAF MUTES HOLD UP GIRL

Two young men, deaf mutes, followed Miss Rose Berlin home from a party in Brooklyn, New York, according to British United Press, handed her a note telling her she was being held up, and made away with her purse containing £8.

HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY

Prebendary Carlile, founder of the Church Army, is ninety-two. To celebrate his birthday, hundreds of men and boys held parties at Church Army hostels throughout the country. A Carlile House, Stepney, London, boys training to be bakers made and iced a special birthday cake.

FRENCH GREAT WAR

GENERAL DIES

Brigadier-General Rogerie, who commanded the 39th Brigade of the Twentieth Division at Charleroi and Arras during the war has died at Cherbourg, aged eighty-five, reports Reuter.



There's some brown behind this grey. The Metropolitan Police tug-o-war team practising in the moat at the Tower of London.



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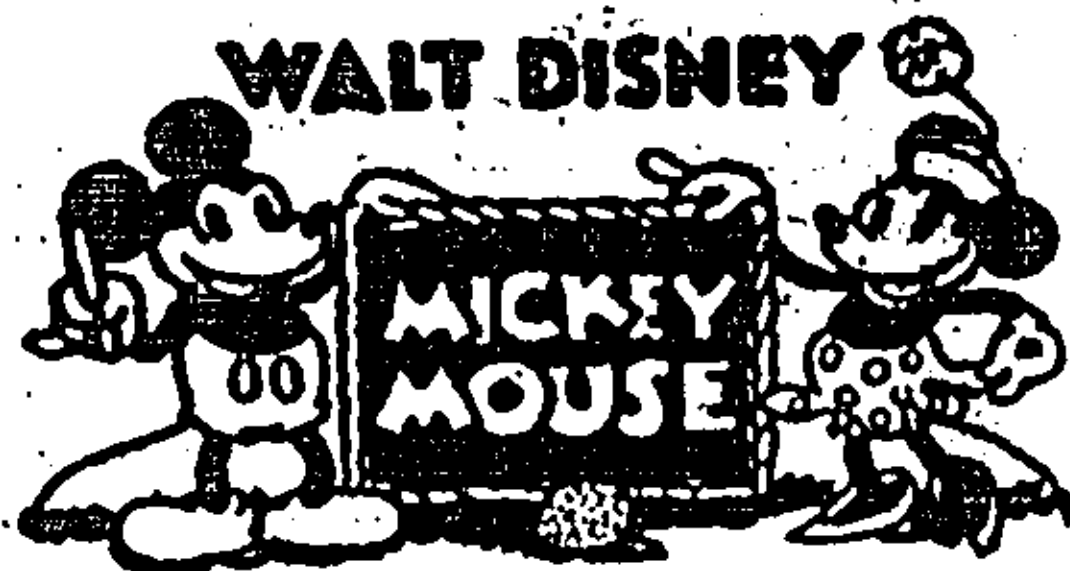
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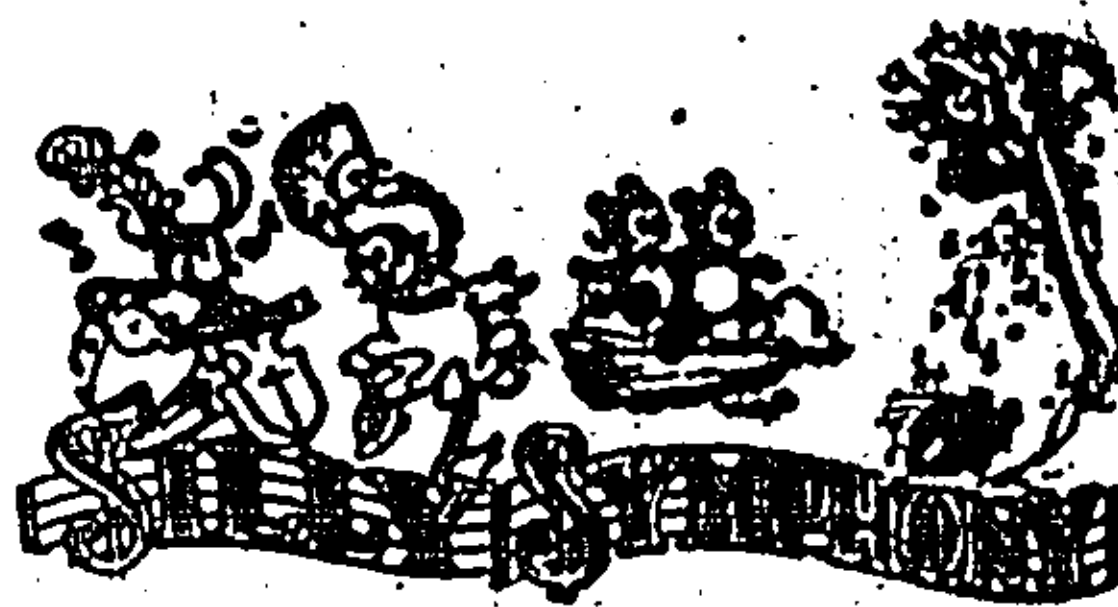
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GERMANY'S LEAD Production Twice That Of Great Britain

There can be little doubt that Germany to-day holds the balance of air power in Europe. Germany now has a group of the largest and best-equipped aircraft manufacturing plants in the world.

It seems probable at present that Germany and Italy together might outweigh by a substantial margin the combined air power of Britain, France and Russia.

These are some of the conclusions reached by Mr. S. Paul Johnston, editor of the authoritative American journal "Aviation," in an article entitled "An Appraisal of European Air Power," which appears in the January number of his paper.

Mr. Johnston's deductions are particularly interesting because, in the first place, he has marshalled a large number of facts and figures and, secondly, he made an extensive survey of European aviation in 1936. He has compared what he saw then

with what he unearthed in the tour from which he has just returned.

FRANCE'S POSITION

Aircraft production in Britain, according to Mr. Johnston, is only now beginning to reach the level that he had thought possible by the end of 1937. The position in France has become worse during the period of nationalisation of her aircraft industry.

Germany, on the other hand, has fulfilled the anticipated rate of expansion in 1937 and 1938. By keeping well posted on events in Britain, France, and Soviet Russia, she has maintained a comfortable lead without plunging into an unrestricted building programme.

The productive capacity of the principal European air powers at the end of 1938 is assessed by Mr. Johnston as:

	Output per month
Germany	400-500
Italy	about 200
Britain	close to 200
France	about 75

This he considers a conservative estimate. No figures for Russia are given, but Mr. Johnston adds. "Two years ago I estimated that the U.S.S.R. was the No. 1 Air Power in the world, but it now seems very likely that it has been considerably overrated in effectiveness, if not in numbers."

CHANGE FOR BETTER

Mr. Johnston estimates that Germany turned out 4,000 to 5,000 aircraft in 1937, close to 6,000 in 1938, and, by the beginning of 1940 should be producing at an annual rate of 8,000.

Britain, he thinks, produced 1,800 machines in 1938, although towards

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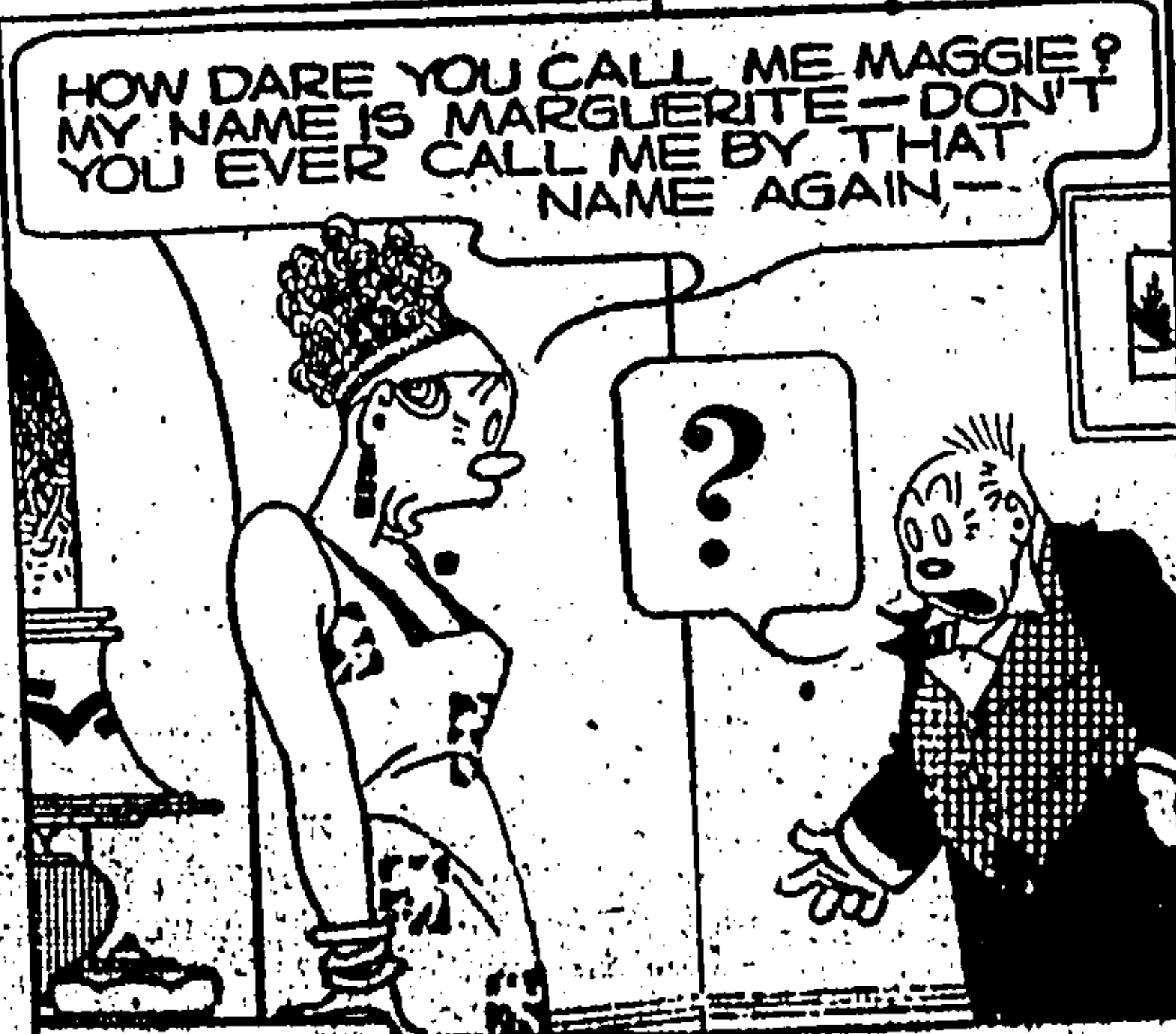
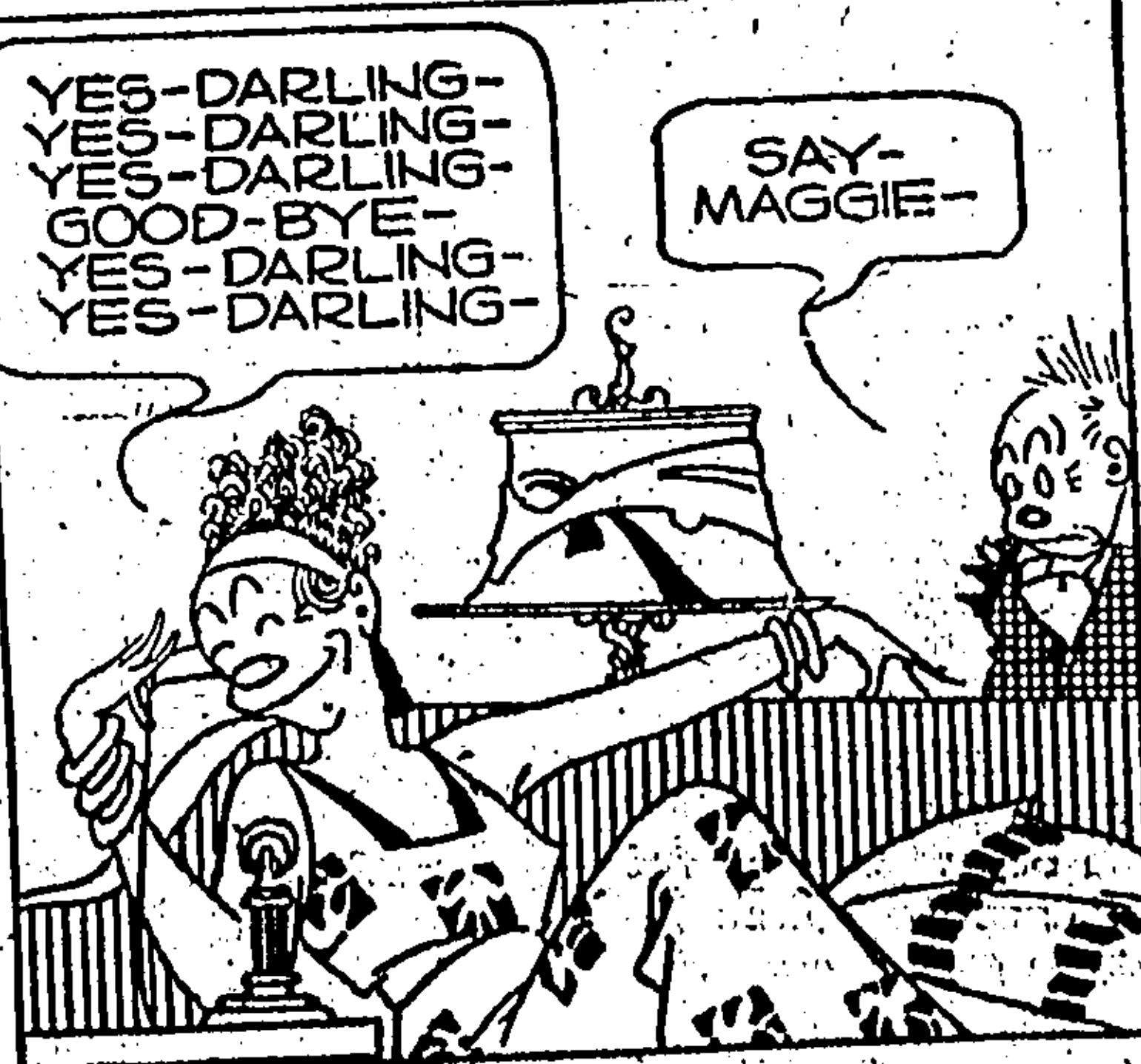
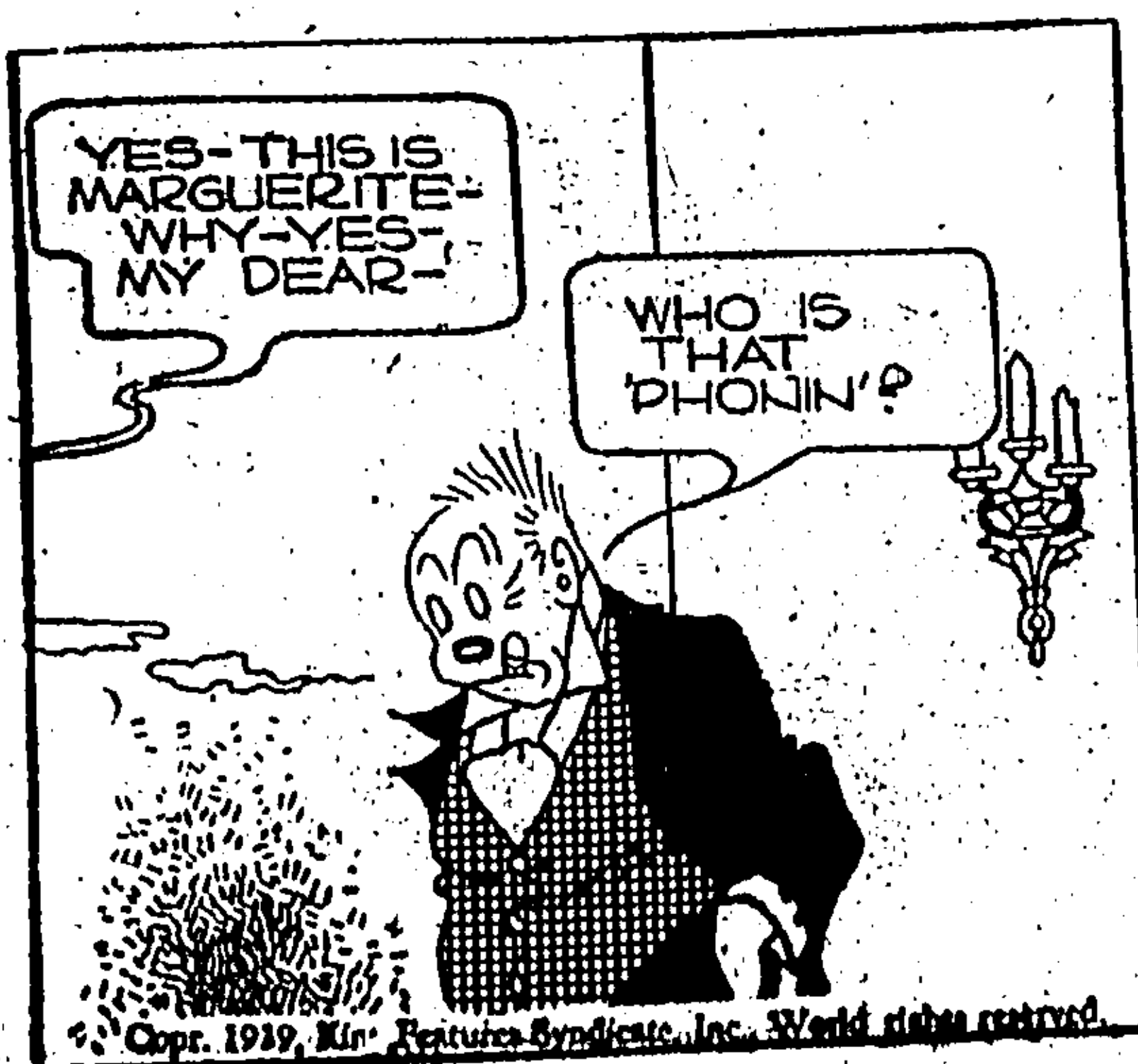
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The production picture in Italy is more satisfactory than in Britain and France, according to Mr. Johnston, although not on such a grand scale as that of Germany.

Comparing French and British production, he points out that from 1934 to 1938 the French Air Ministry budget has been raised from about two billion francs to slightly over eight billion. The purchasing price of the franc, over the same period has been practically halved. Thus, instead of the appropriations being quadrupled, they have been little more than doubled.

TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

At the same time, the British Air Ministry's appropriations have risen from £20,000,000 to £120,000,000 in terms of actual purchasing power.

Mr. Johnston declares: "There is a form of wishful thinking commonly current that will admit that Germany and Italy have done great things in the production of material, but have fallen down badly on the training of personnel to fly and to service the machines that they produce. Even if I had not seen something of the great training and

apprentice programmes in Germany and Italy. I would still be inclined to question that view. It simply does not make sense to assume that Germany, for example, with her inherent capacity for detailed planning, would overlook such an important element in her air strength."

The rate of aircraft production in England, though not yet approaching that of Germany, is nevertheless higher than Mr. Johnston supposes. But if only half of what he claims is true the position is serious enough.

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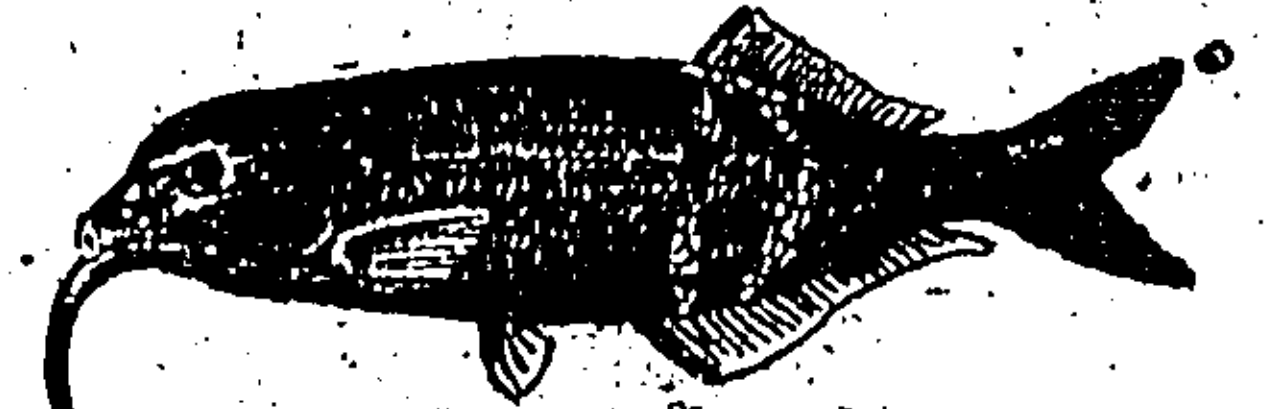
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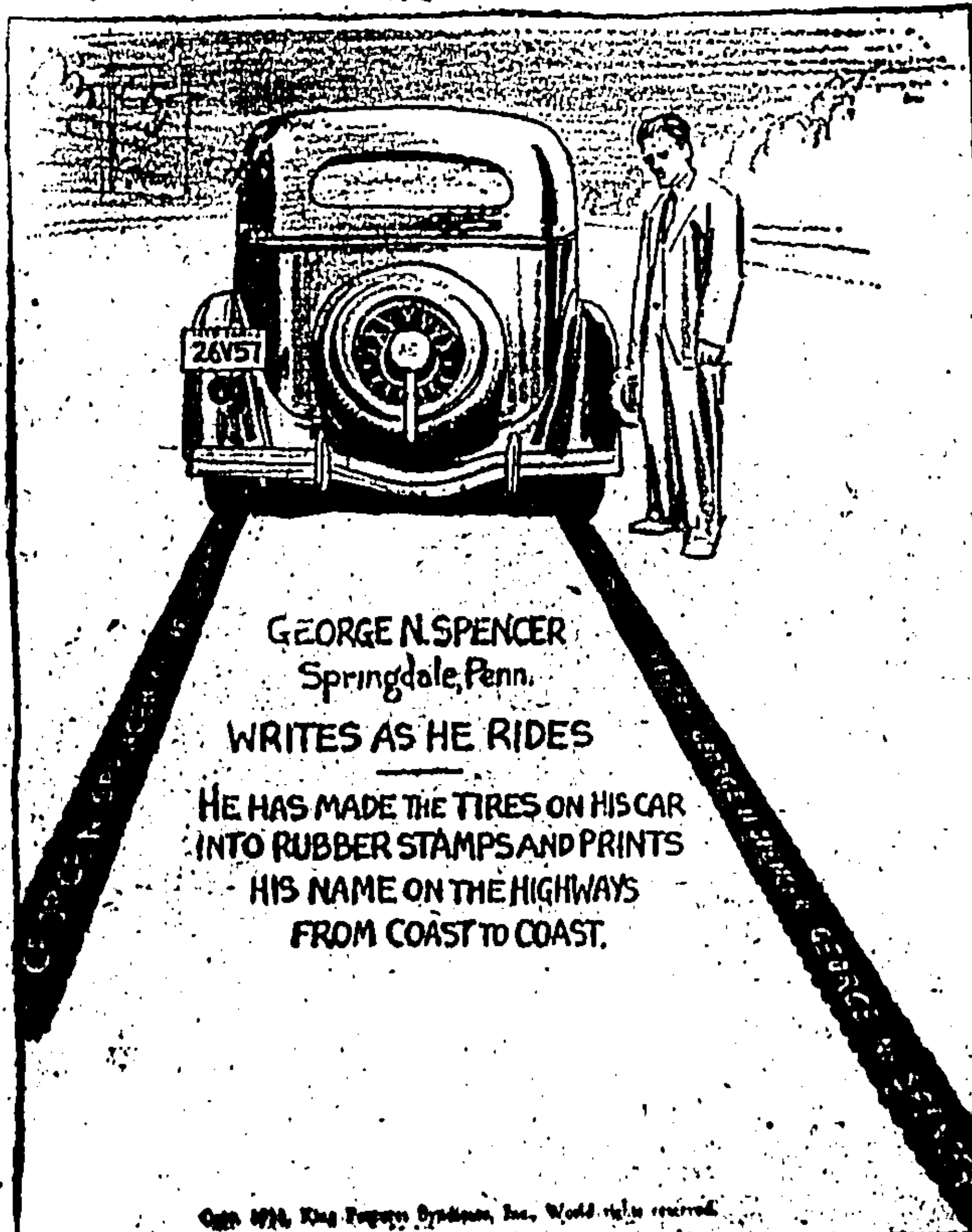


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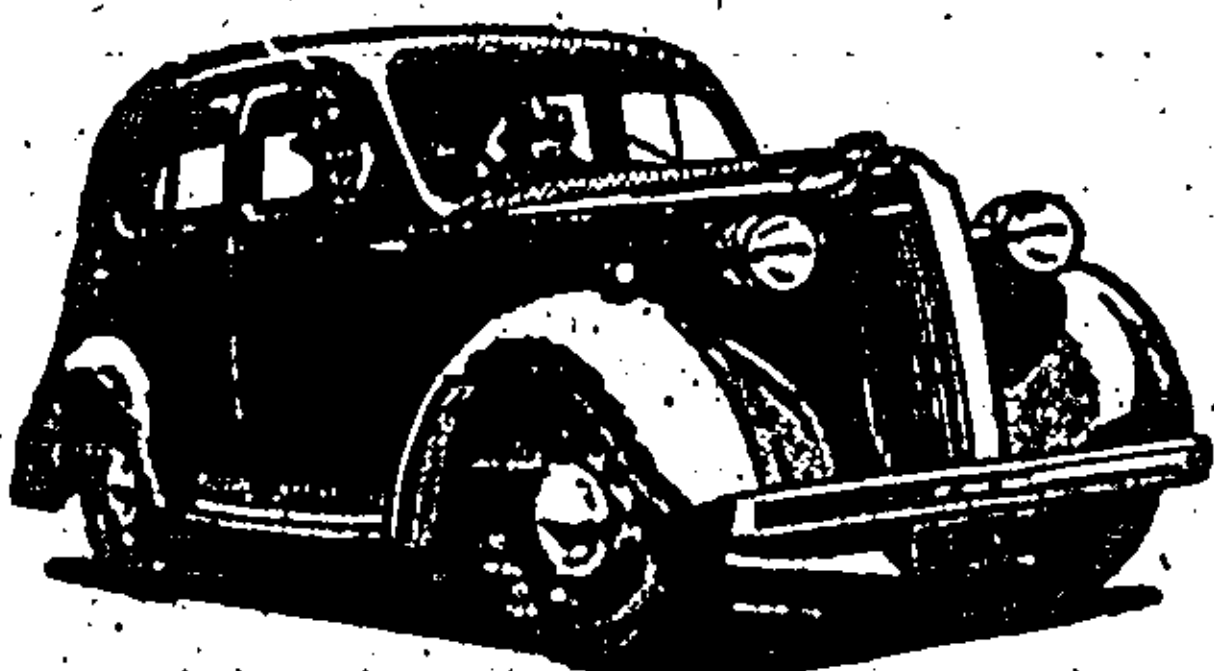
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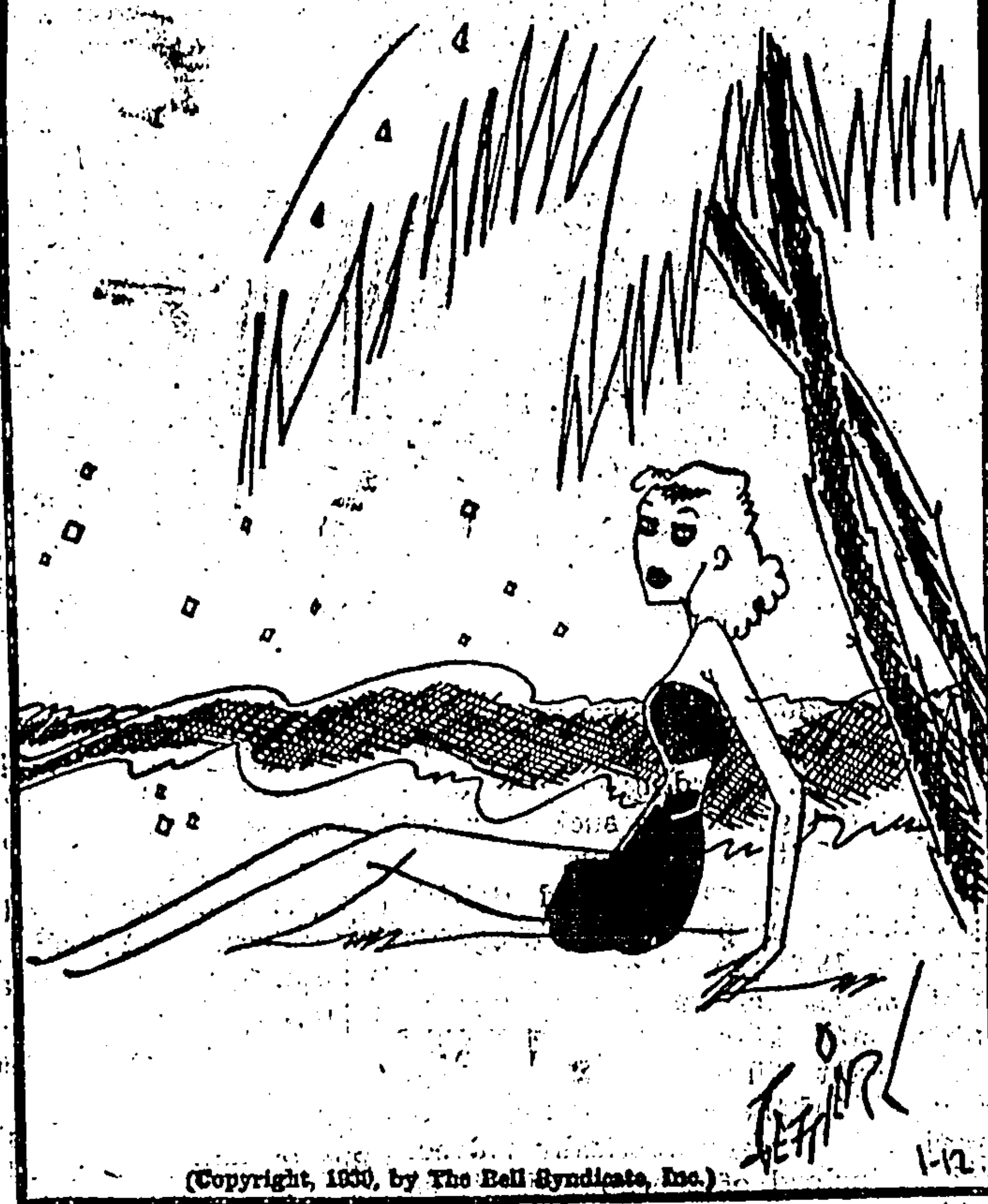
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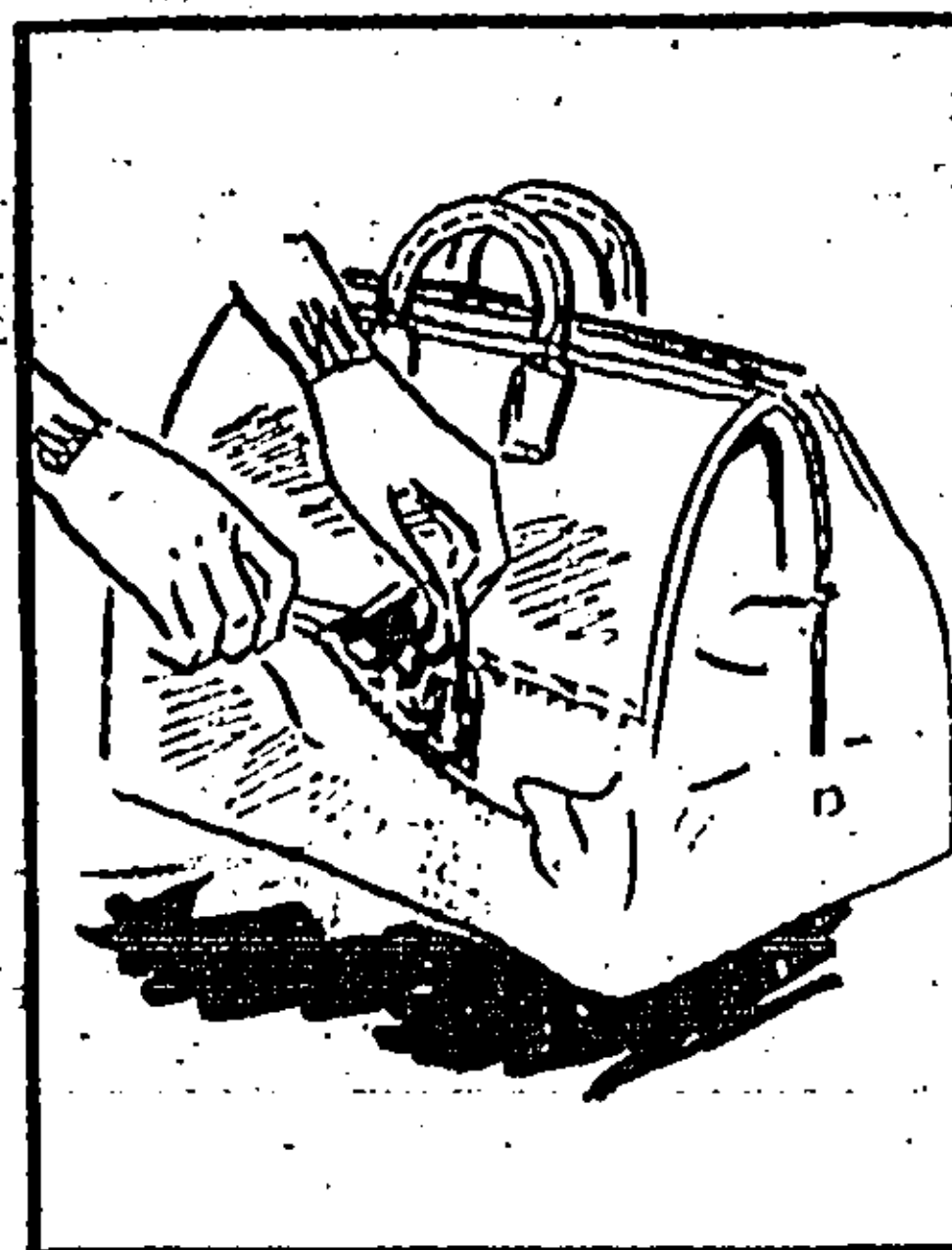
wasted in bewildered, tired uncertainty. Take a good night's rest, after the beauty thrill, and your perspective on things will return with a bang! And you will get through your chores the more quickly!

IF YOU MUST, AT HOME

And if a salon visit is not within the scheme of things, take yourself in hand at home. It is not quite so relaxing but still it sets you up a peg or two.

Go through a good facial while your hair is drying from a stimulating shampoo. Give yourself a manicure and a pedicure just after a beautifully relaxing and scented bath, and slip into a comfortable robe or negligee for an hour or so before dressing. Be a little lavish with dusting powder and cologne, and a little daring in painting your fingers and toes a brighter shade!

When you come to setting your hair, fuss with it and do something different. Let the family exclaim over your primping and take their saucy remarks with a grain of salt. They like to see mother beautiful as much as mother does herself!



Here is one of those handy sports grips with an outside pocket for anything that needs to be segregated from the rest of your belongings, or for things you want to get at in a hurry. This particular pocket has extra bulging properties and is moisture-proof.

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Glamour Eyes!

I have often been struck by how many quite plain women there are who pass everywhere for beautiful. Invariably their secret is beautiful eyes, or not even that so much as eyes made up to look beautiful.

Glamour eyes, that can turn what was, to all intents and purposes, a slice of cold suet pudding into a poem that men would die for.

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What do you first look at in a new face? The eyes, surely.

Later, when you know a person, the mouth may seem to be more expressive and to let you into more secrets—even when it is closed. But certainly it is the eyes that first catch your attention—or lose it.

Of course, when we speak of the eyes and their expressiveness, we include with them eyebrows, lids and lashes; in fact, the eyes and their immediate setting.

What is the best known phrase to denote a dull and inexpressive glance?

I think "a fishy glance" is the most usual; and this is because, though fishes' eyes are often in themselves beautiful, they have no lids, no lashes, no eyebrows, in fact, no power of expression. Nothing but a fixed, unwinking stare.

Not being a fish myself, I wondered before I went to the beach how the eyelashes were going to stand up to the bathing. For—let's face it—my eyelashes left all unadorned to themselves are the colour of a young chicken! And this is not glamorous, indeed, no.

* * *

My entire appearance responds like magic to mascara. But some mascaras present grave difficulties to bathers.

They run if you put your head under water, just as they run if rain beats on to your face, or if you rub a damp hand feverishly across your brow, or if you get a fly in your eye.

And when they run, they hurt.

One of them hurts so much that a friend took to using it when she was crossed in love. "It's to break myself of crying," she explained simply. "I really daren't cry when I've got it on."

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My gorgeous new mascara remains! Remains on the eyelashes, as a matter of fact.

Nothing seems to remove it until at last at the end of the day you want to; then it comes off with disarming ease and readiness.

I can rub my eyes without smudging it if I'm tired.

I can emerge from a shampoo with no black or blue or violet tears (there are ten shades) upon my cheek.

Once the telephone bell made me jump while I was putting it on and I got some right in my eye—and I didn't even feel it.

And it's so becoming. It's always soft looking, never hard and cheap,

making the lashes supple and silky, and strengthening them too.

You just put it on in the ordinary way after dampening the brush, sweeping the lashes from the lids outward; with an upward movement for the upper fringe of them to emphasise their curve.

Give a double coating to the tips, to show off their full length. And make up more heavily towards the outer corners of the eyes.

This new mascara that thrills me so, comes in almost every colour you can think of (except pale chicken yellow!).

Black, brown, chestnut, blue-black, navy blue, blue-green, green, violet, auburn—and as though that choice weren't subtle enough, a new subtlety that you could never guess at: A colourless mascara!

Does that sound a bit haywire?

Not if you've got naturally dark lashes, madam! You don't want to colour them if they're the right colour already.

And you don't want to colour them if you're a very young lady and well brought up!

* * *

But you want to lengthen them and strengthen them and curve

Witty Kitty



The man who brags about his family tree usually omits tales on the branches that bore prunes.

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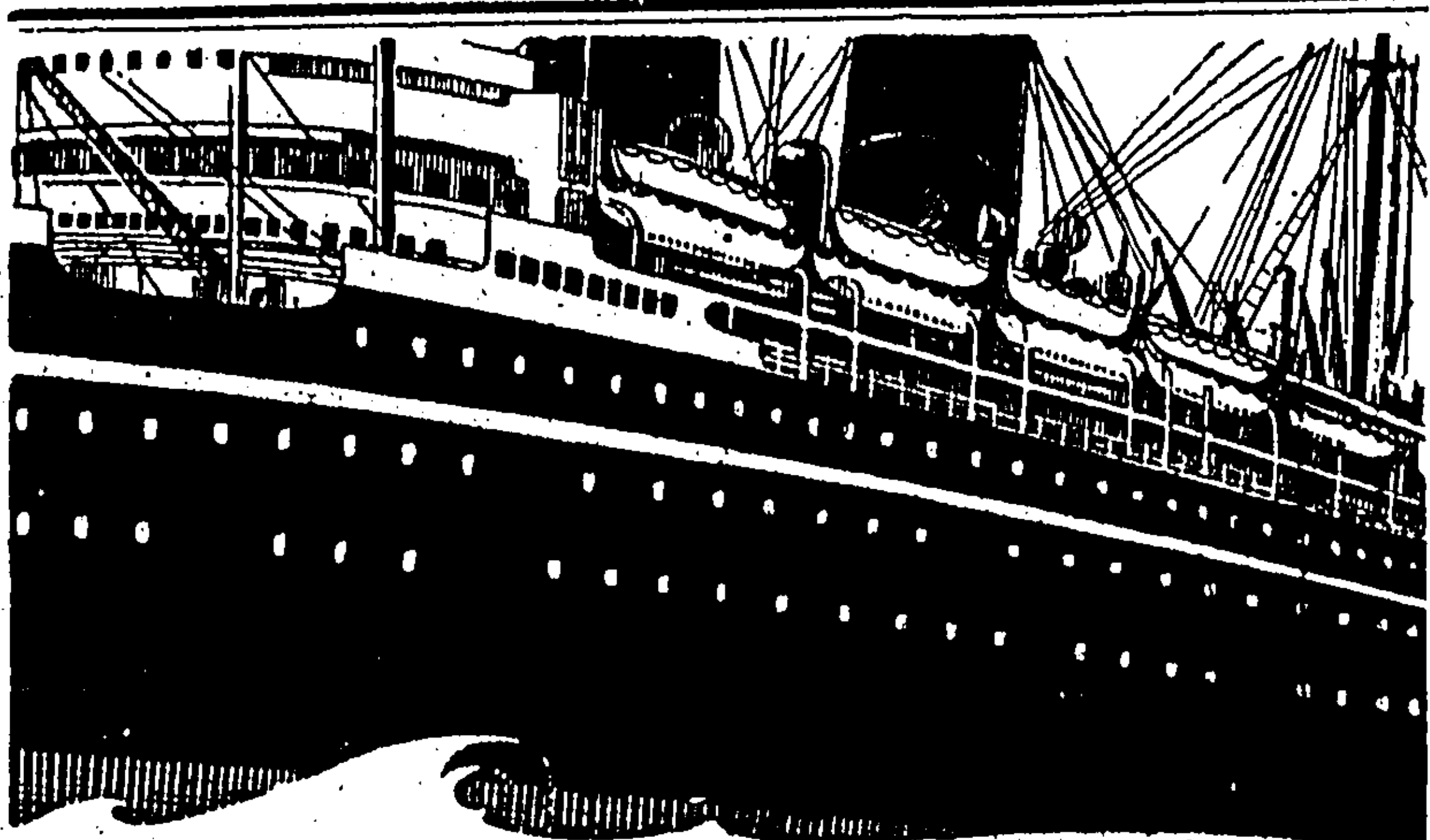
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CORFU	14,500	15th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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	Monday, 20th Feb.	Tuesday, 21st Feb.
General Post Office	8 a.m. to noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Kowloon Central Post Office	8 a.m. to noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Sheungwan Branch Post Office	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sunday and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 20th and at 10 a.m. on Tuesday the 21st.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

Registered and Ordinary mails (not Insured or Parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow & Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

Swatow	Anking	February 17.
Australia and Manila	Atuta Maru	February 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 21st Jan.)	Pres. Polk	February 17.
Shanghai	Lima Maru	February 17.
Swatow	Chekiang	February 17.
Swatow	Anhui	February 17.
Haiphong and Pakhoi	Suiyang	February 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	February 18.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Kiungchow	February 18.
Manila	Cornville	February 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane	February 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 27th Jan.)	Pres. Taft	February 19.
Bangkok	Kagan	February 19.
Amoy	Tjisanoeca	February 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kaying	February 19.
Manila	Conte-Biancamano	February 20.
Shanghai	Deucalion	February 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane	Feb. 22.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th February	Pan American Airways Plane	Feb. 22.
Straits	Burdwan	February 22.
Manila	Scharnhorst	February 22.
Straits	Ruys	February 22.
Straits	Theseus	February 23.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
FRIDAY		
Fort Bayard	Taipeosek	Feb. 17, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Szechuen	Feb. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Atuta Maru	Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Air Mail for "Air France Service"—due Marseilles, 5th March.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 18.
	Reg.,	Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 18, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 28th Feb.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 18.
	Reg.,	Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 18, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Ranchi	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 18.
Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 17th March.	Par.,	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 18, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Chekiang	Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Feb. 18, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sagres	Feb. 18, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Manila	Pres. Taft	Feb. 19, 9 a.m.

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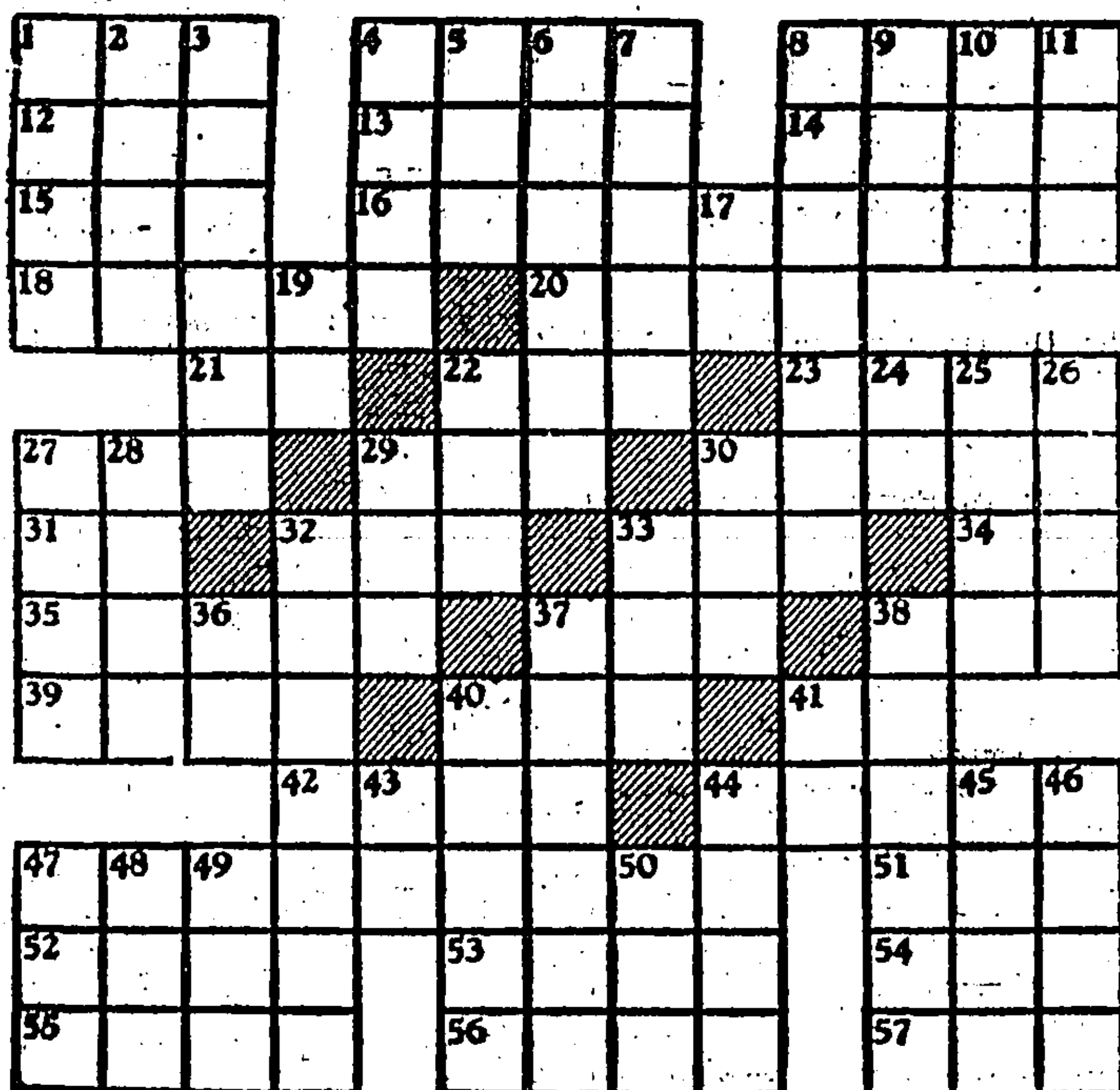
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- 1 Auxiliary verb
- 4 Rivet
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- 12 Skill
- 13 Ox of Celebes
- 14 Concept
- 15 Seaman prove of
- 18 Hackneyed
- 20 Saucy
- 21 River
- 22 Foot-like part
- 23 Plaster
- 27 Low (Fr.)
- 29 Nourished
- 30 Gale
- 31 Conjunction
- 32 Crow-like bird
- 33 Mold
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Awn
- 37 Smart saying
- 38 Call for help
- 39 Identity
- 40 Secondary
- 41 By
- 42 Acid
- 44 To embrace
- 47 Cloroxman
- 51 Bond

VERTICAL

- 1 Electrical unit
- 52 To wander
- 53 Girl's name
- 54 French article
- 55 Affirmatives
- 56 Paper measure
- 57 Weight of India

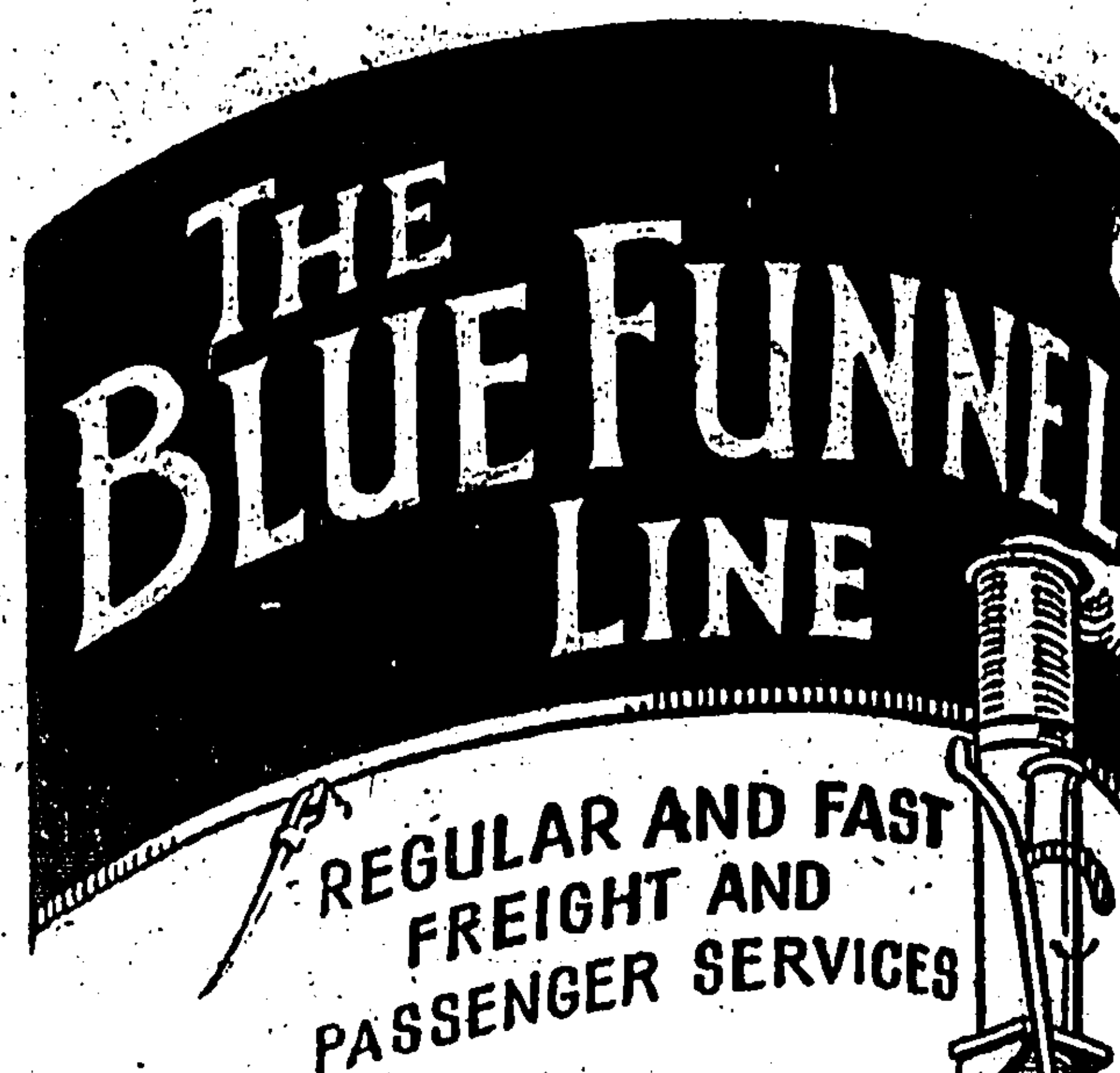
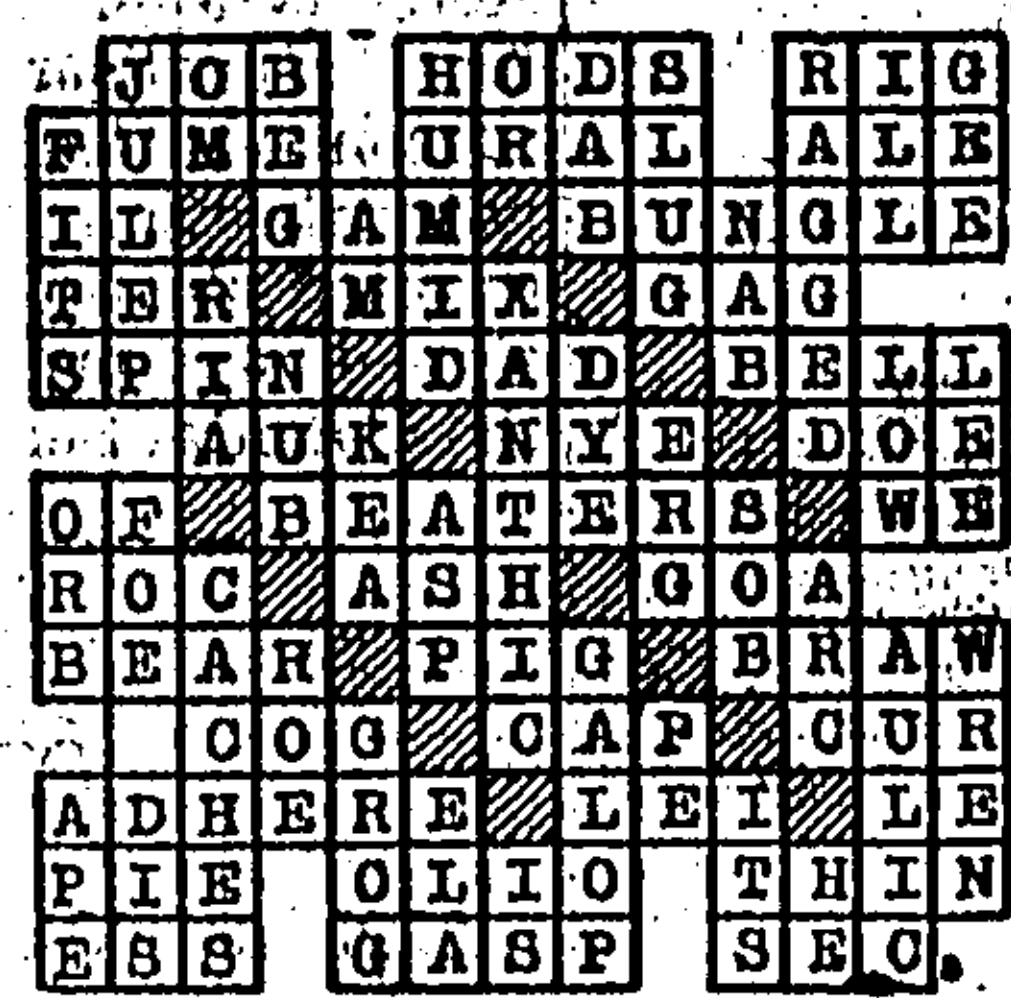
2 Sandarac tree

- 3 Denudes
- 4 Commanded
- 5 Number
- 6 Cut
- 7 Biblical weeds
- 8 To prescribe
- 9 Cretan mountain

10 Confronted

- 11 Scottish: so
- 17 Teutonic god
- 18 Proposition
- 22 Bench
- 24 Negative
- 25 Musical piece
- 26 Danish divisions
- 27 Cuts short
- 28 Space
- 29 Passing fancy
- 30 To rest
- 32 Gowns
- 33 Female rabbit
- 36 Part of "to be"
- 37 Periwinkle
- 38 Condition
- 40 Customer
- 41 Mulberry
- 43 Siberian river
- 44 To stuff
- 45 Mathematical term
- 46 Nobleman
- 47 To lift with lever
- 48 Deer
- 49 Uncle Tom heroine
- 50 High note

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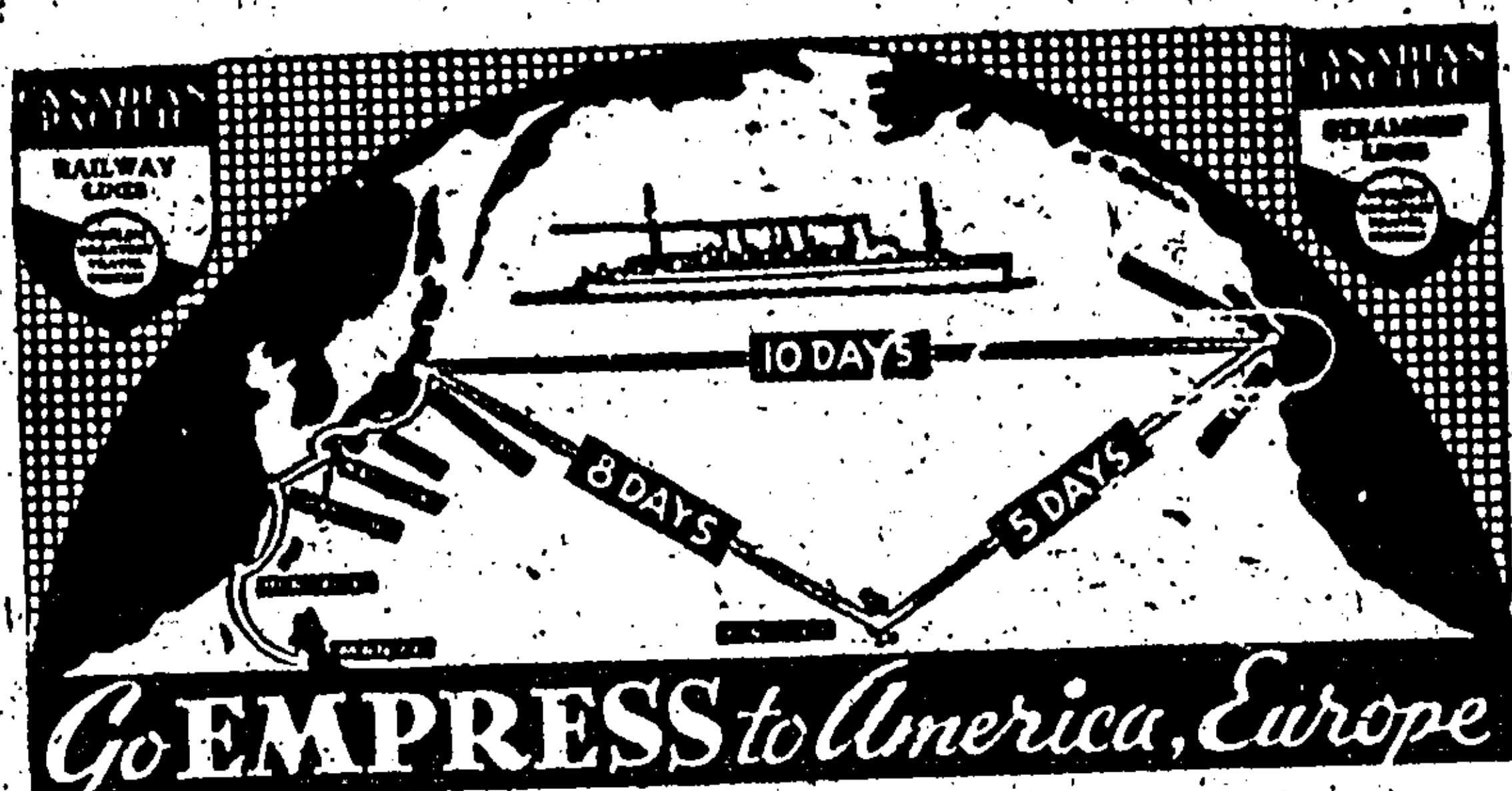
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Confiscation was ordered at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, of 6,729 copper coins, left aboard a Kowloon motor bus.

Two men boarded the bus at Un Long and offered certain coins in payment of their fares to Sum Ching.

On examination by the conductor, it was found the coins were all false. When they revealed that they had no more money, he suspected them of being counterfeiters, and asked the constable in the bus to watch the men.

When the bus arrived at Sum Ching, they had jumped off, and escaped. The packages the men had been carrying were found to contain 6,729 false coins.

Application for confiscation was granted.

"DOCTOR" ON BAIL OF \$25,000

Wai Cheung-sing, 30, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with practising as a doctor when not registered, and with possession of a quantity of heroin powder, at No. 213 Queen's Road Central second floor.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was remanded for a week on bail of \$25,000.

Sub-Inspector Hopkins is in charge of the case.

BANK OF EAST ASIA

The Directors of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. announce that subject to audit, the profit for the year ending 31st December, 1938, after writing off all charges and other contingencies, and including the balance brought forward from 1937, amounts to \$786,503.12 which the Directors propose to deal with at the forthcoming annual meeting as follows:—To Pay a Dividend of \$6.00 per share on 55,988 shares absorbing \$335,916; To Transfer to Reserve \$50,000; To Pay a Bonus to the Staff \$16,655.11; To Carry forward \$383,932.01.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-5/8 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6850 and the New York—London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-9/16.

UNIFIED EMPIRE FOR TRADE BARGAININGS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, MR. OLIVER STANLEY, WAS QUESTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AS TO WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE URGENT NECESSITY OF REMOVING SOME OF THE OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXPORT TRADE HE WOULD CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF CONSULTING THE DOMINIONS GOVERNMENTS AS TO THE PLACING OF THE BARGAINING POWER OF THE EMPIRE ON A MORE UNIFIED BASIS.

Mr. Stanley said it was the constant endeavour of the Government to remove such obstacles, and an example of the valuable co-operation between members of the British Commonwealth for this object in trade negotiations with other countries was furnished by the recent concurrent negotiations with the United States on behalf of this country and of Canada respectively with which certain other Dominions and India were also concerned.

While the scope for any form of joint bargaining was necessarily circumscribed possibilities of co-operation in future cases on the lines of the example mentioned would certainly be borne in mind. — British Wireless.

GAMBLING DENS RAIDED

Two Pai-kau gambling dens were raided by the Kowloon Police last night as the result of which two keepers and nineteen gamblers were arrested.

In the first raid, shortly after 8 p.m., Det.-Sgt. A. Soutar, of Sham-shuipo, arrested 12 persons at a house in Tai Nam Street.

Two hours later, Yau-mati Police under Det.-Sgt. C. Baldwin caught nine people in a room in Nathan Hotel.

This morning the keepers were fined \$20 and \$35 or one month while the 11 gamblers in the first den were fined \$3 and the 3 gamblers of the second \$4 each.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NATURALISATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alexander Paul Zarembo of 42, Hankow Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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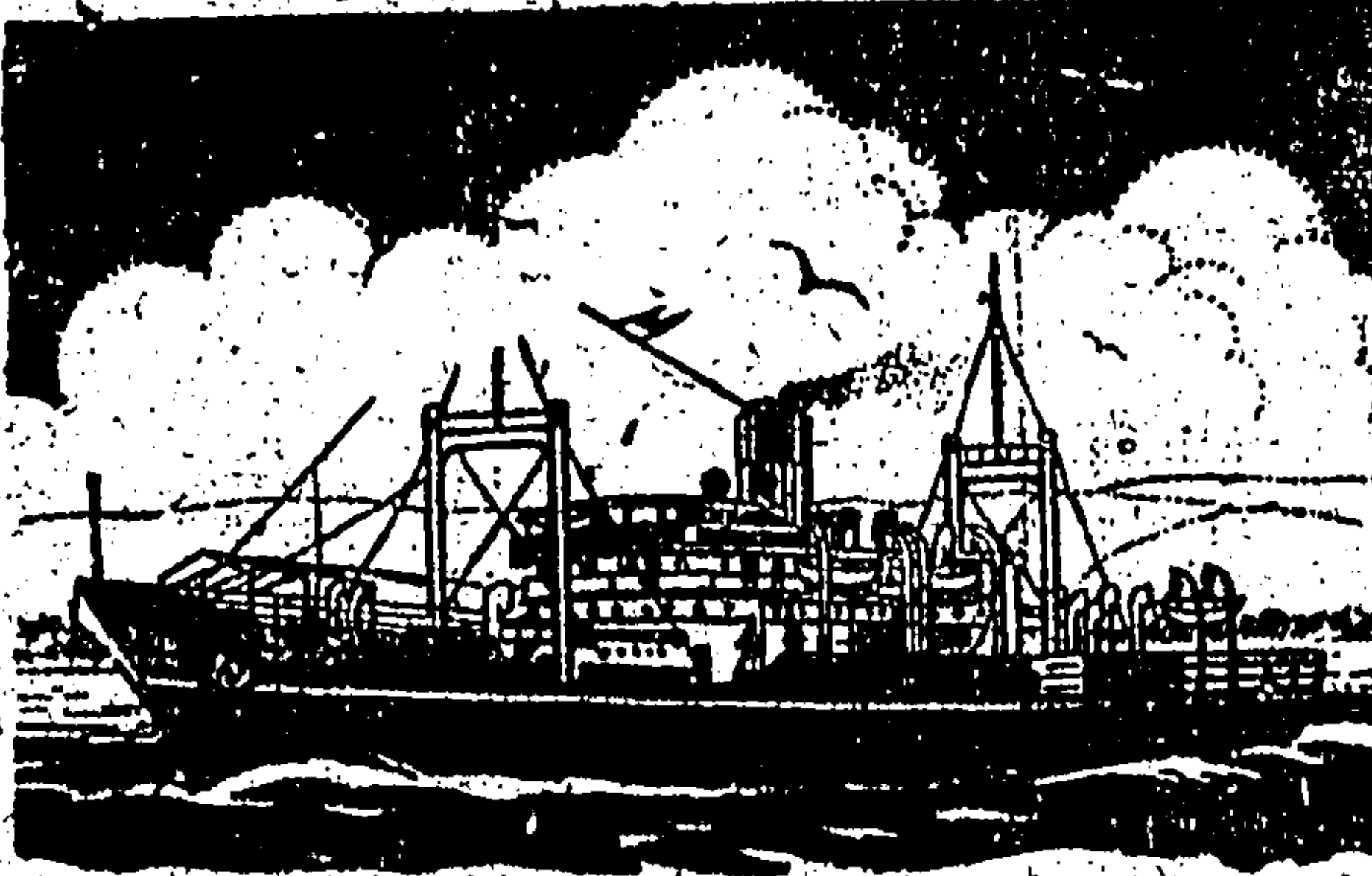
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THE THEORIST

THE prospect of having to spend four hours in the sweltering heat of Bombay in July was not attractive, but when I saw the broad shoulders and smiling face of Johnathan Pluck in the bar of the Taj Mahal my disbar of the Taj Mahal problem evaporated and I knew that the only way of getting fore me was to catch the night away in time to catch the night mail.

Johnathan Pluck, ex-jockey, ex-cavalry sergeant, ex-rider, ex-handicapper — was the score of other things I have ever best teller of stories seen him for met, and I had not had stirred a year. Before we he was away the ice in our glasses with a flying start.

"Cap—beg pardon, I mean Major—I've had the best of years in some queer voyage. I've run into customers in my time. Racing anything like this? You meet all kinds of folks with you meet all kinds of ideas, especial-funny ideas about 'osses. That's only among the owners. They've got natural seeing that these books education and read all about stable work and riding—horse-mastership and But this they call it nowadays. One! Cap 'e was a tough little feller. He was a weedy little feller with a long nose and big round spectacles, than an amateur rider. He did

of the whip requires more practice than anything else in race-riding."

"Well, I gives 'im 'is bat, and 'e gets stuck into slapping that wooden 'oss until you could hear it all over the ship. First with the left hand and then with the right and then changing over from one to the other. He was pretty slippery with it—a great deal better than some jock's I've paid."

"Between crackin' that wooden quad 'e goes on talking. 'Of course the whip should never be used when a horse is running on a course strange to it. It should only be used on a course which the horse associates with punishment. A horse's reactions are affected by memory entirely, and not by reason. If he associates punishment with a certain course just the smallest movement of the whip will be sufficient. But if a horse is punished on every course he gets disheartened and begins to run sulkily. Although the horse has only a small proportion of his brain for reasoning power he suffers from disappointment and frustration nearly as much as a human being."

"Then there's some I know must be crying their ruddy eyes out every night," sez I. But he goes on just the same, and though I was getting peckish for me breakfast I had to go on listening. He

if he'd just come off the royal yacht at Cowes... or the Queen Mary for that matter. None of us were good enough for Ikey, and despite his gold cigarette case and his cabin doolux he was always knuckling in on other people's drinks and having to leave when his turn came round.

"Well, our Gordon didn't like Ikey neither. The first time Ikey came into the bar Gordon took me over to the corner and said in a whisper, 'That's the biggest crook in the world. That feller has done things that I wouldn't dare tell you. He's the head of a gang which have done more harm to racing than any other organisation in the world.'"

"Here, take a pull," sez I. 'Surely he's not as big as that?'"

"I'll give you one example," sez Gordon.

"There was a fellow won a hundred pounds off him one week and when he got his account he found he was losing fifty. He went to the office and said, 'What are these losing bets on the account? I never had them. I only had one—on Tuesday—one which made me a winner of a hundred exactly. I never had these others.' 'Excuse me, sir, weren't you at Manchester on Friday?' says Ikey. The punter says, 'Yes, I was in Manchester, but on business. I never went racing.' 'But these bets were telephoned through in your name from Manchester on Friday,' says Ikey. 'My telephone clerks took them down and registered them. How can you prove that you did not send them?' So you see he was properly caught. He couldn't prove he hadn't sent them, while really it was one of Ikey's men who had phoned them in his name. Can you beat that?'"

"Well Cap, I must say it sounded a bit tough, but knowing how the young feller was inclined to exaggerate. I thought I'd take the yarn with a pinch of salt. I steered young Gordon into another corner of the bar out of hearing of Ikey, and he began to explain his theories for working out form."

"He didn't take much note of horses for courses except where his record showed that a horse had won very easily on a certain course. He liked better certain horses at certain seasons of the year. He would say: 'No horse of Santoi's stock could possibly be at his best as early in the year as that. You've only to look up what the others have done.' And that seemed to make sense to me, for one does know by experience how certain horses come to hand much earlier or later than others, though one doesn't often connect it with the 'oss's breeding. He was hot stuff on the clock, and had a system of comparing the times when one day the going was soft and another day hard."

"He'd give a horse more marks for winning with a certain jockey than with another; and a lot of extra marks if he won in soft going when all his family had usually liked it hard. He was great guns about what the family had liked and disliked, which seemed kind of fantastic to me. However, as I've told you, muddled up with a lot of foolishness about family and prenatal instinct was a good deal of hard common sense, even though it was all got from reading and education."

"Well, one evening he was showing me an invention of his own. It was a whole lot of coloured discs pinned together in the centre which revolved — a contraption something like those which give you the different dopes wanted to make up a cocktail. It showed you how many marks to give a horse which had won at Newmarket in heavy going, against the wind, over six furlongs, when neither of its parents had ever won over the course, and the jockey was only an apprentice, and— Lord knows what else besides. All at once Ikey Snell, who was hanging round, unnoticed, leans over and says, 'And after that Mr. Gordon, do you ever have a bet?' 'Yes, Mr. Snell. When I've worked a horse out to my satisfaction to be a good proposition. I do have a bet.'"

"About once in five years, I suppose," says Ikey.

"I admit it does take a long time," says Gordon with a slow smile. 'But I don't find the time wasted. Unfortunately, my profession doesn't allow me to spend much time on this hobby...'"

"But when you have a couple of years off you are sometimes able to pick out a winner," says Ikey with a laugh.

"Oh, it doesn't take as long as that," says Gordon. 'Ten days perhaps. But they always win.'"

"They what?" says Ikey.

"They always win... at least they have done up to date," says Gordon.

"Here, what about the Cesarewitch?" says I. 'That's run a week to-morrow. You've got plenty of time on this boat. Couldn't you work one out for that in the time?'"

"I might," says Gordon. 'But there are an awful lot of runners. It will take a longer time than most races. I'll see what I can do. But no,' he goes on. 'It's not worth the trouble. Although we can get the result on the wireless, we can't hardly cable our selection to a bookmaker in London from the ship.'"

"There's no need to do that," says Ikey. 'I'll make a book on the race, and give you starting prices or ante-post betting prices according to when you make your selection. I'll give you no limit either and pay in cash within an hour of the result coming through.'"

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Short Story

By Colin Davy

have the strength to pull out there orf of a rice puddin', then in a was no doubt he had rid many race or two, if not quite as he led us to believe. He had some position in the tern Telegraph, but robbly. Arab races in Cairo as a he first

"I ran across 'im for the first time on the top deck of the morning out from B'n as He was in sweaters still 'osses tride one of them dummies and riding for his life. He was a scuffling and scrubbing jock what had been from the hiding by Jack Dempsey at for beat. He went on like minutes, the best part of twenty y him and it didn't seem to w of the at all that I and several crew were watching."

"That's to get me fit, he says at last. 'Now for the pullers.'"

"Then he fastens some reins to one of the rails, like himself up in short stirrups. Tod Sloan and pulls till he pull in the face. 'Mind you do after the ruddy ship over,' sez he'd been at that for a file. But he's deadly serious. 'You can't imagine you've ever ridden races, he. 'People who've only seen hacks and hunters have how fit one has to be for his job.'"

"Is that so?" sez I mildly interested. 'I thought it was the crooks what pulled 'osses. I hope I'm not seeing anything didn't ought.'"

"But he just laughs and goes on pullin' like a yachting cap and brown and white shoes, and behaved like as

was as bung full of theories about what a horse remembered and didn't remember as a bar's full of bottles. He even told me that a horse wouldn't run generously on a course where its mother or father had had a good hiding. Prenatural instinct he called that. He was great guns on prenatal instinct."

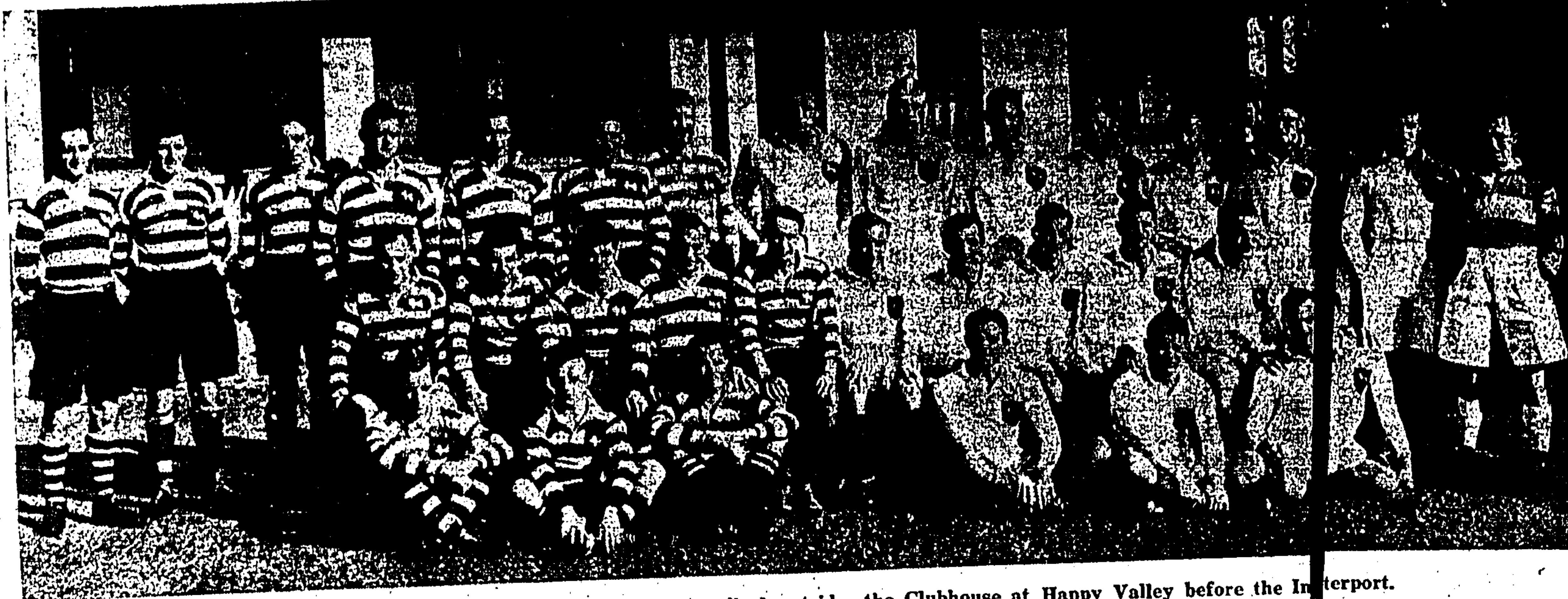
"Well, all the rest of the day when he wasn't doing his exercises he was talking about racing and enlarging on his theories. He'd had some extraordinary experiences if all he said was true, and was always ready to produce books to prove them. He had notebooks and charts and graphs and diagrams like a hydrolick engineer what I once knew. And though his talk was full of foolishness like prenatal instinct and a 'oss suffering from disappointment because its mother had had the tripe knocked out of her five years ago at Doncaster, there was a certain amount of common sense underneath it all. As regards times and weights 'e was hot stuff. Of course, he was a great joke with everyone on board; and when we found from the passenger list that his name was Richard Gordon Richards. Some folks called him 'The Man what invented Racing.'"

Johnathan Pluck watched his glass being refilled and continued: "There was one man on board who couldn't stick our 'Gordon Richards' at any price. That was Ikey Snell, the bookmaker, what used to have an office in Glasgow and advertise in all the posh society papers. Ikey was flash. Wore a yachting cap and brown and white shoes, and behaved like as

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H. K. Ladies beat "Y" Ladies in a Brawn Cup match by 3 goals to 0. Here is a general view of the play.



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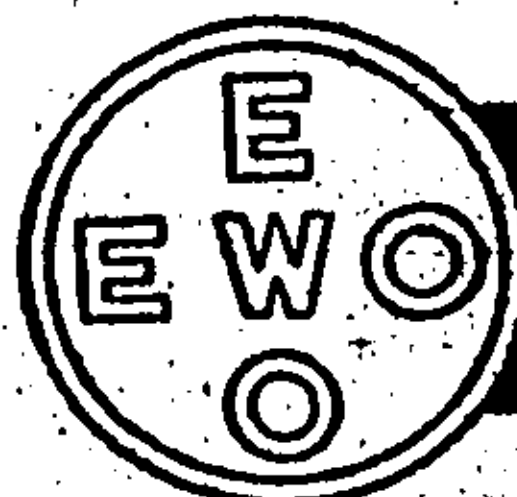
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Miss C. Turbyne, left, being robbed the ball in the Brawn Cup game between "Y" Ladies and H. K. Ladies at the Valley last Saturday.



McHardy, the Police goalie, goes for a high shot with Leonard in close attendance, during the Senior Shield semi-final between Police and St. Joseph's.



A tussle for the ball in the game in which H. K. Ladies beat "Y" Ladies 3-0 in the Brawn Cup series at the Valley last Saturday.

THE UNDERSTANDING HEART

The new Swedish cook, who had come into the household during the holidays, asked of the mistress: "Where bane y son? I not seeing hem 'round here."

"My son?" replied the mistress, pridefully. "Oh, he has gone back to Yale. I miss him dreadfully, though."

"Yes. I know yoost how you feel. My brother, he bane yail salk times sence Thanksgiving."

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The farmer gets a lot of exercise even in winter. It is thirty feet or so from his easy chair to the outdoor thermometer.

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It is said that many interesting facts about hibernation discovered every winter at the Zoo. And the flinders of courtesans are keepers.

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What does an anti-society probe propose doing about a character who ties up a busy person for twenty minutes, emitting an occasional "Uh-huh"?



Teething without Tears

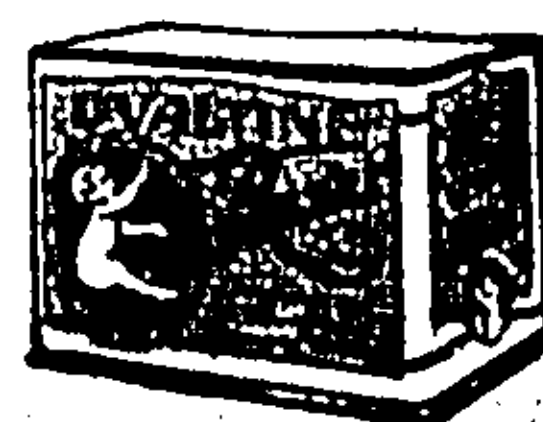
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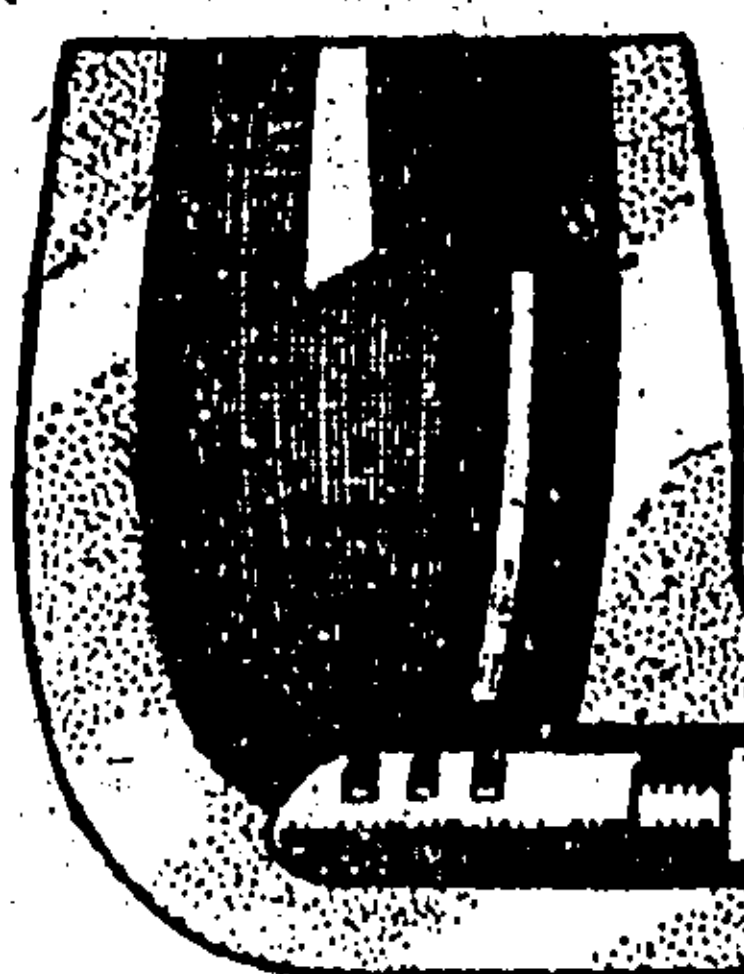
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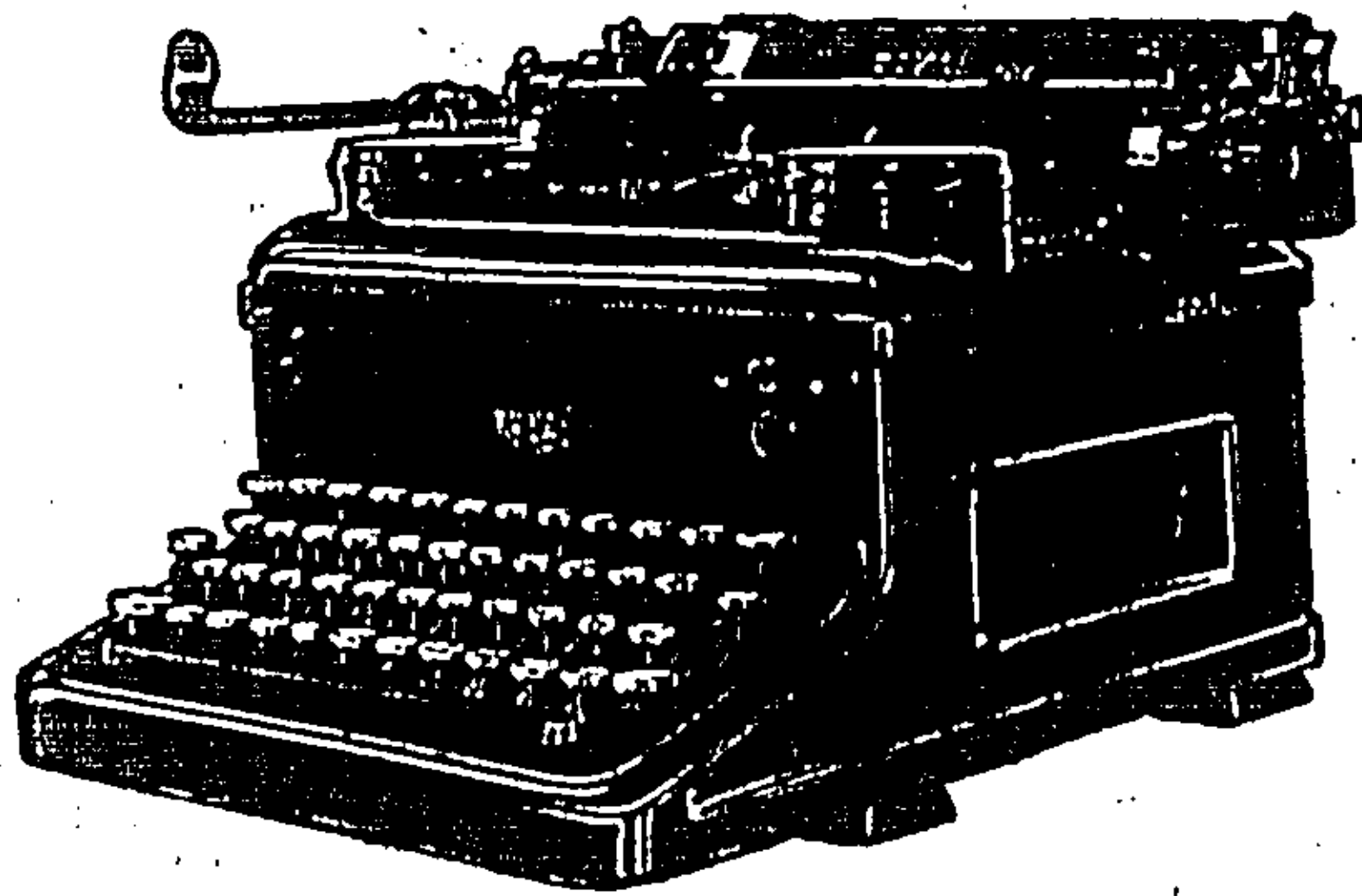
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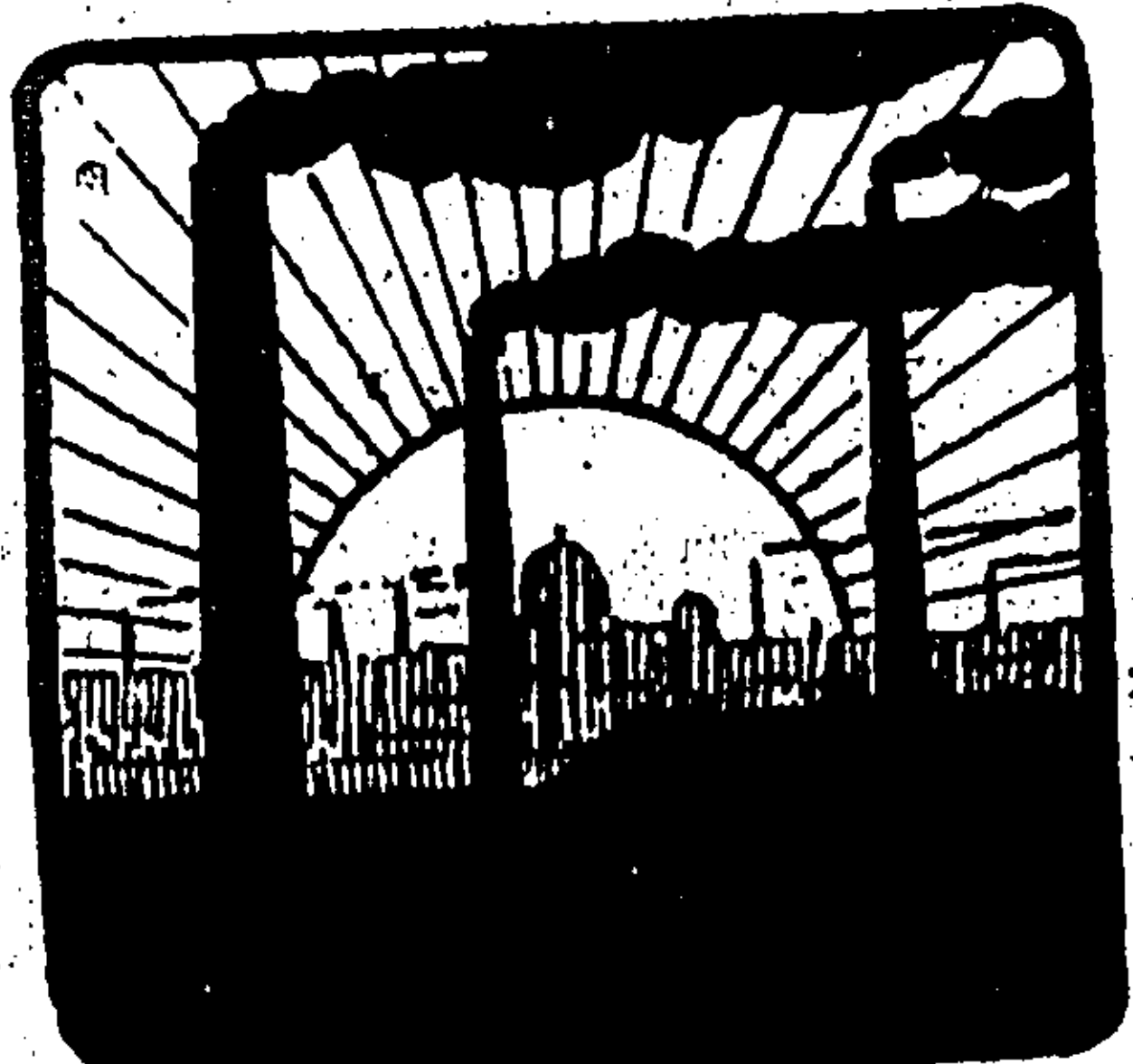
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ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, CAPTAIN BARRACUDA'S PLAN WENT ASTRAY WHEN HIS TWO CAPTIVES MANAGED TO ESCAPE THEIR DRUNKEN GUARDS AND FLED FROM SKELETON KEY IN A SMALL BOAT.



HURRY, BERNICE! RATHER WE DIE IN THE OPEN SEA THAN AT THE HANDS OF THOSE PIRATES!

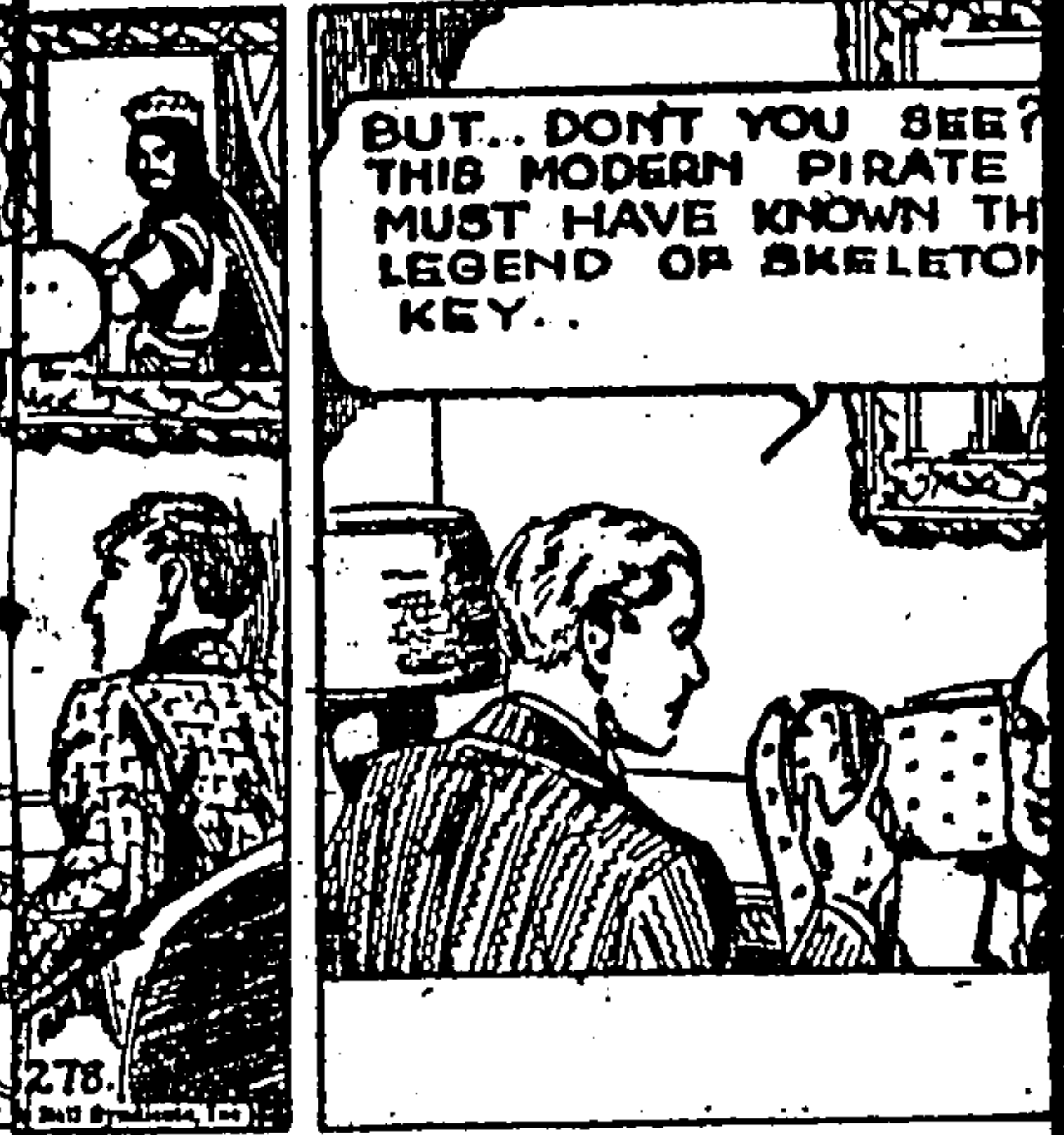


THE NAME OF THIS ANCIENT PIRATE LEADER, ACCORDING TO YOUR STORY, WAS CAPTAIN BARRACUDA... AND THAT WAS JUST WHAT THE AERIAL PIRATE, WHO LOOTED THE SEA NYMPH, CALLED HIMSELF...

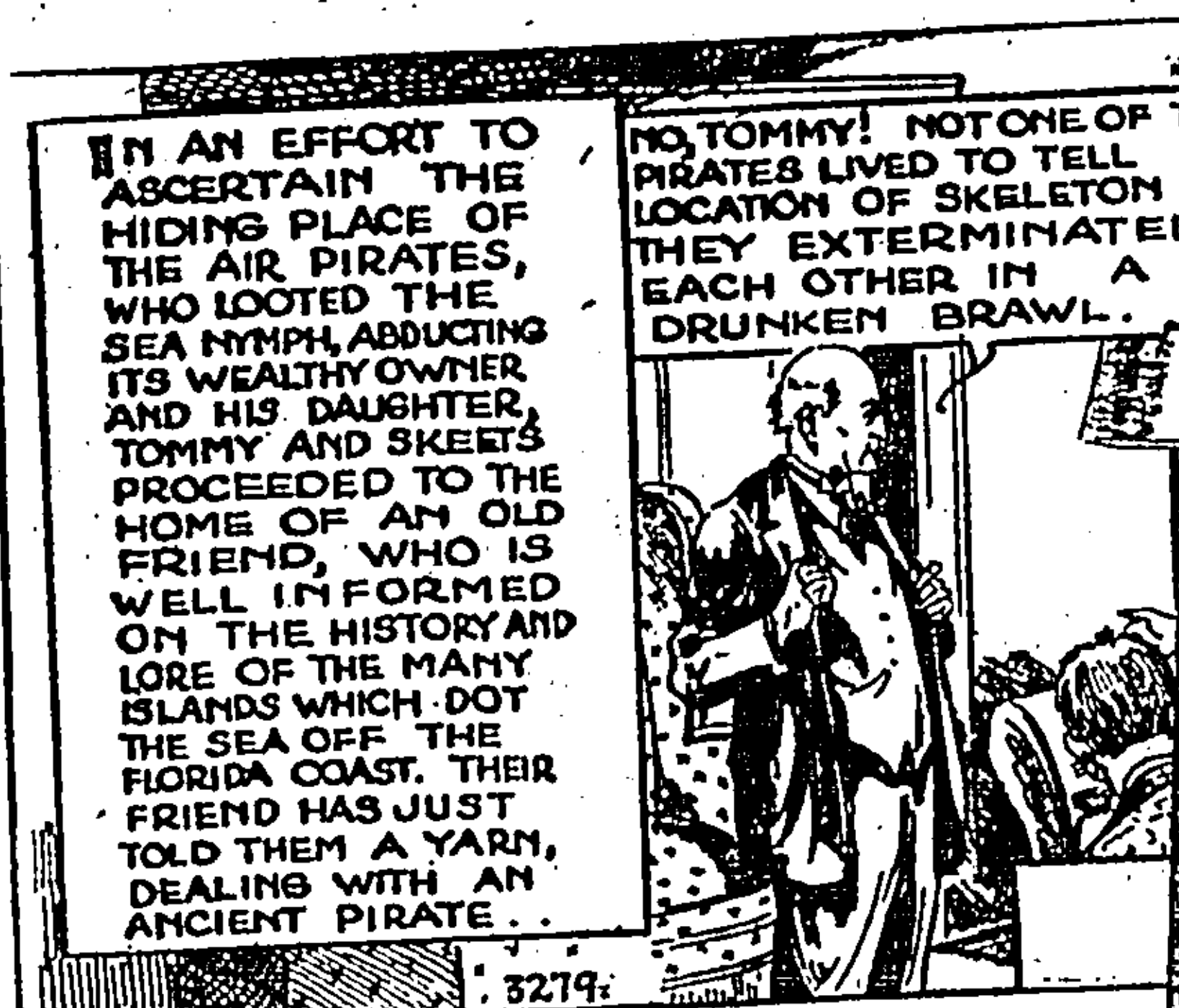


AND... SO...

BUT... DON'T YOU SEE? THIS MODERN PIRATE MUST HAVE KNOWN THE LEGEND OF SKELETON KEY.



IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN THE HIDING PLACE OF THE AIR PIRATES, WHO LOOTED THE SEA NYMPH, ABDUCTING ITS WEALTHY OWNER AND HIS DAUGHTER, TOMMY AND SKEETS PROCEEDED TO THE HOME OF AN OLD FRIEND, WHO IS WELL INFORMED ON THE HISTORY AND LORE OF THE MANY ISLANDS WHICH DOT THE SEA OFF THE FLORIDA COAST. THEIR FRIEND HAS JUST TOLD THEM A YARN, DEALING WITH AN ANCIENT PIRATE...



NO, TOMMY! NOT ONE OF THOSE PIRATES LIVED TO TELL THE LOCATION OF SKELETON KEY! THEY EXTERMINATED EACH OTHER IN A DRUNKEN BRAWL.

BUT THE ENGLISH GIRL CAPTIVE AND HER FATHER?



THAT IS HOW THE LEGEND BECAME KNOWN. THEY WERE PICKED UP FAR OUT AT SEA BY AN ENGLISH FRIGATE, BUT THEY COULD NOT REMEMBER WHERE THE ISLAND WAS.



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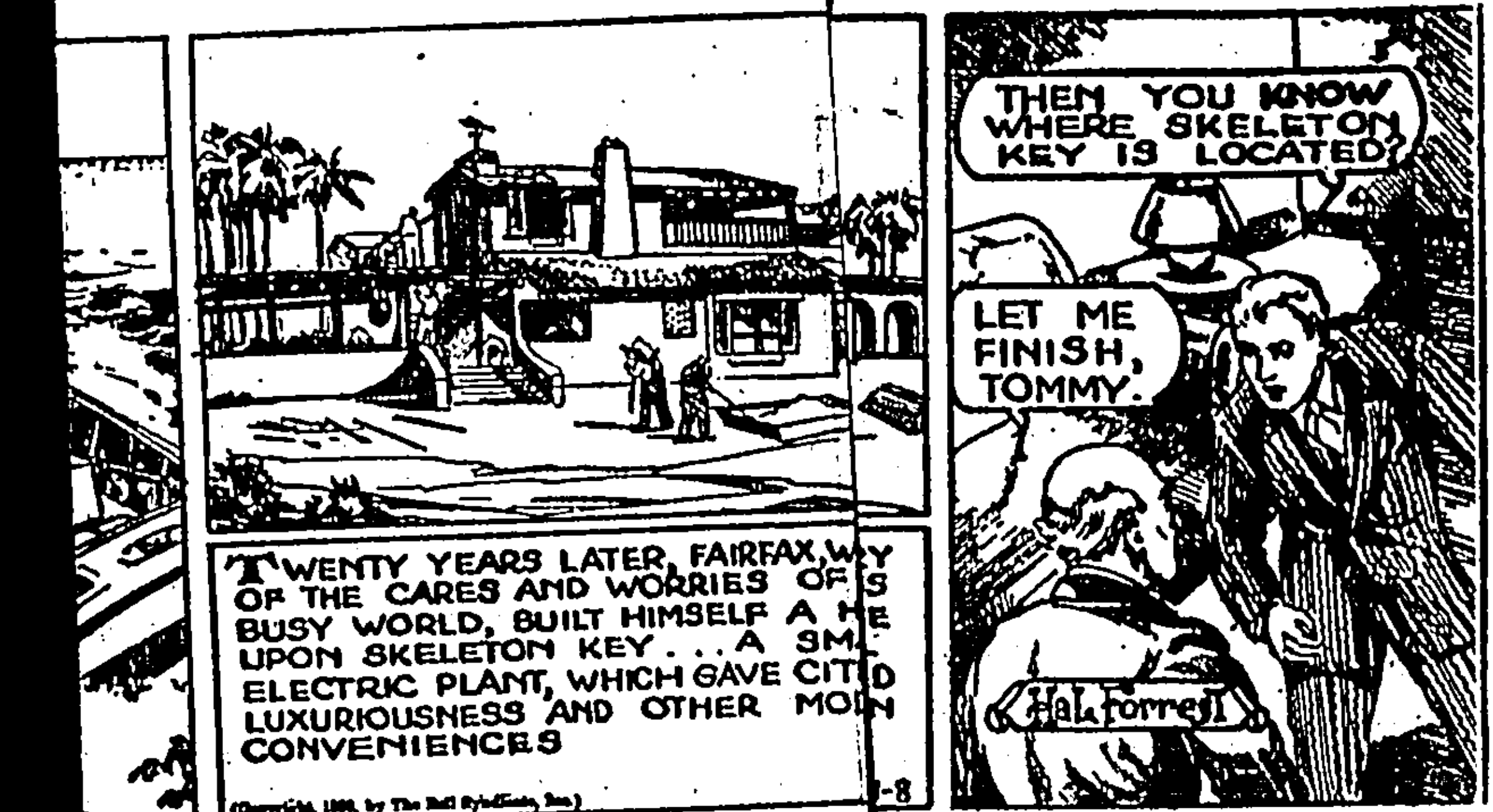
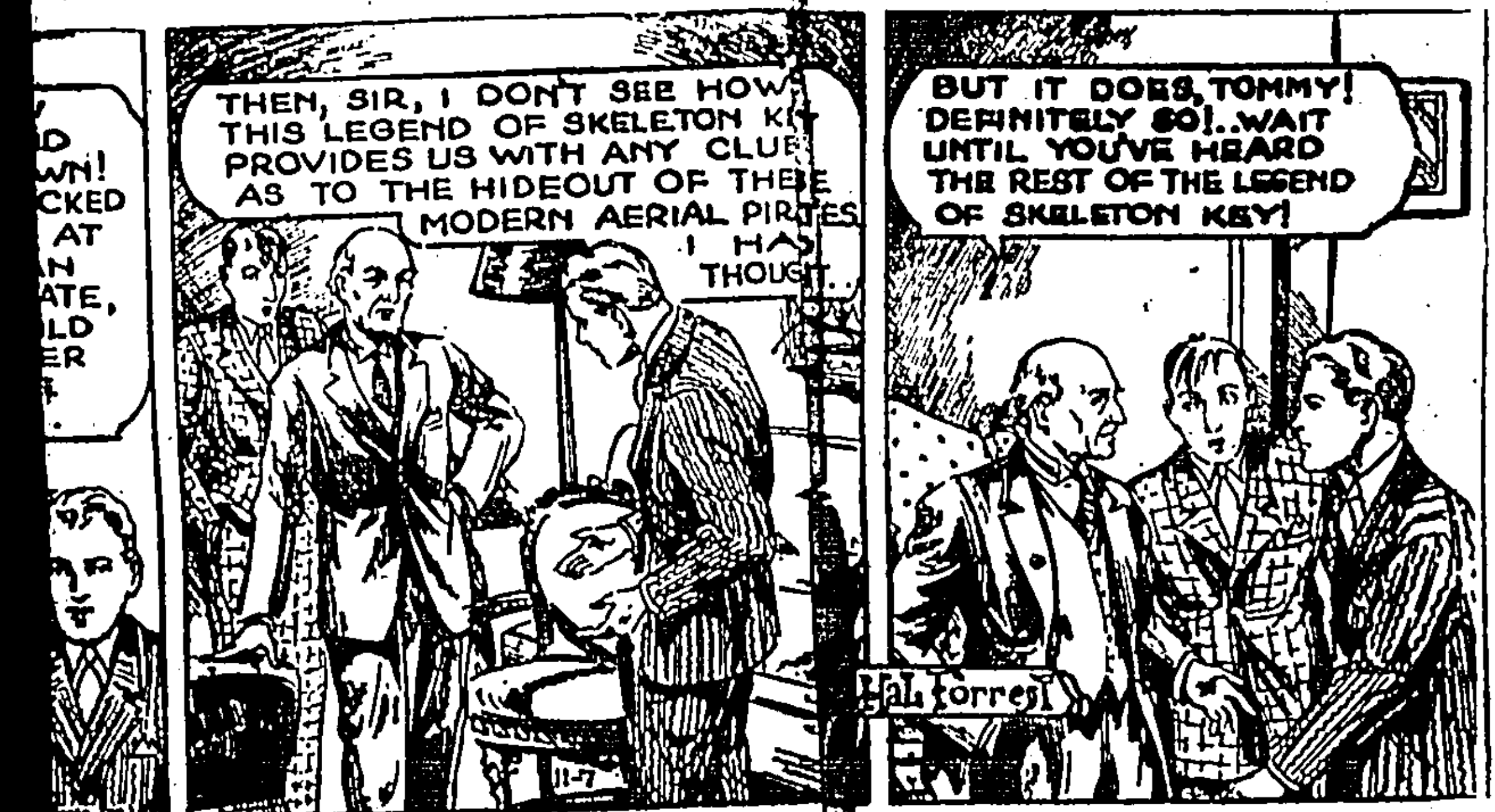
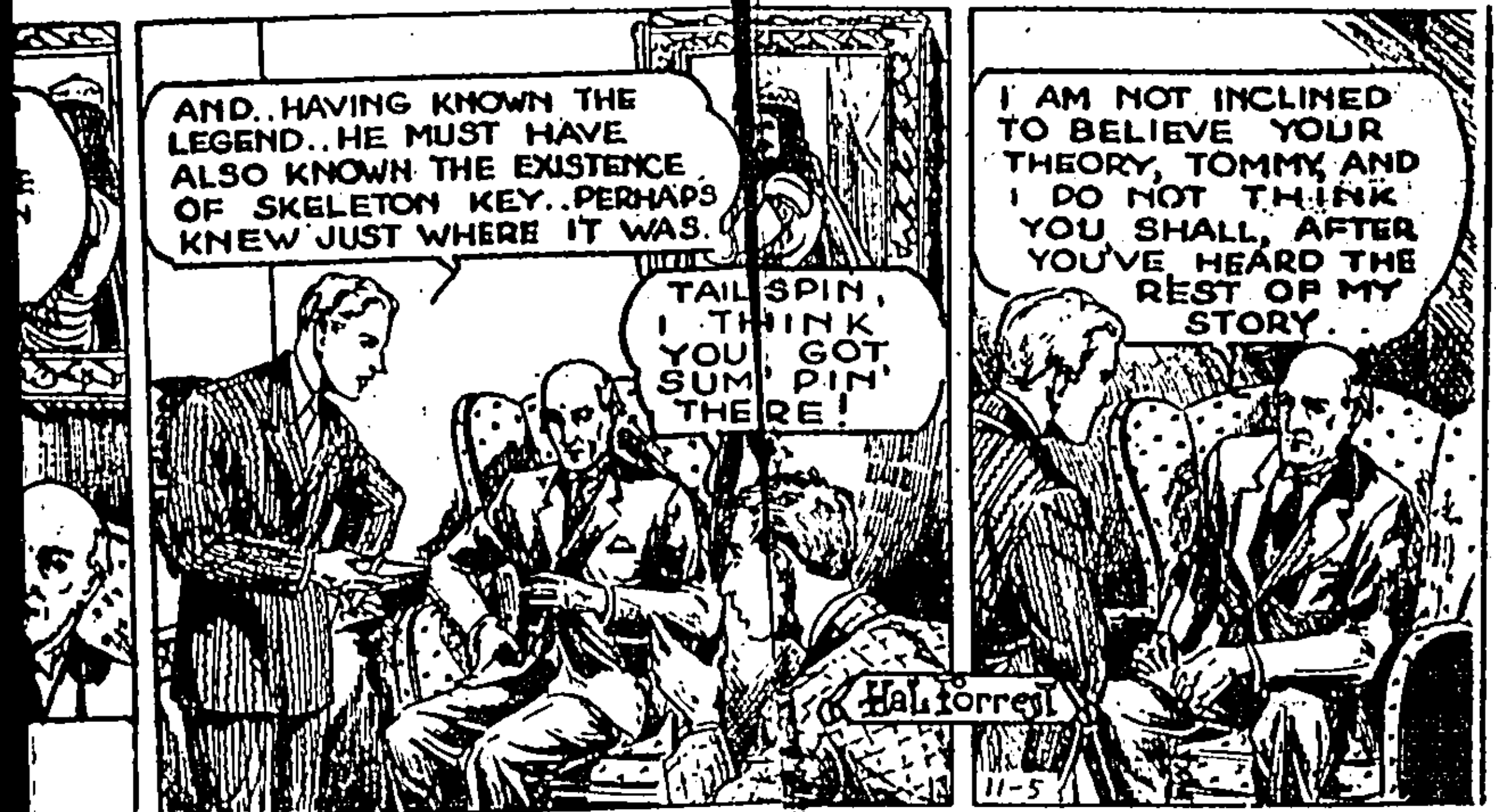
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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Mariel Nissen

LIMA CONFERENCE HONOURED

THIS week's honours in philatelic opportunism go to Peru for a more than timely issue in honour of the Pan-American Conference at Lima. The stamps, printed in London, were on sale in America shortly after the conference opened.

The set consists of six large stamps, three of them for air mail use. The adhesives for regular postage use are the 10 centavos gray-green which pictures Lima's Army Plaza and Palace as they appeared in 1864, the 15c gray presenting Lima's coat of arms in its official colours of red, gold and black, and the 1 sol olive-green showing us the Government Palace of Lima.



The air mail values are arranged as follows: 25c bright blue pictures the Palace which houses the Ministry of Foreign Relations, the 1.50 sol red-brown illustrates the National Congress Building and the 2 sol dark gray portrays three men famous in the annals of these conferences. They are Don Manuel B. Ferreyros, Dr. Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan and Dr. Antonio Arenas. Below each portrait appears the identifying inscription and the date of the congress with which each man is identified.

There have been eight Pan-American Conferences, three of which were held in Lima. The years in which Peru's capital city played host to these distinguished visitors were 1847, 1868 and 1938.

SHIPS PICTURED

STAMP collectors who have a weakness for ship stamps will be especially interested in the new issue from the Free City of Danzig. It is one of the most interesting and attractive sets in this category we have encountered for some time. The issue is a semi-postal one intended for Winter aid to the needy.

The 5 plus 5 pfennig dark green pictures racing sloops, an oil tanker appears on the 10 plus 5pfg. red-brown, the ocean liner Columbus is depicted on the 15 plus 10pfg. olive-green, the steamship City of Danzig provides the subject for the 25 plus 10pfg. deep blue and the old three-masted Peter Von Danzig is honoured on the 40 plus 15pfg. in violet-brown.

CONSTITUTION ISSUES AGAIN

THE United States Constitution is still receiving philatelic tribute for its 150th birthday, with Panama being the latest country to accord such honour.

The new series consists of five postage and five air mail values in uniform design. Two ovals appear in the centre with New York's Statue of Liberty to the right and the old Cathedral Tower of Panama at the left. Flags of the United States and Panama in natural colour flank the central views. Below the statue and tower are the inscriptions "E Pluribus Unum" and "Pro Mundi Beneficio" (motto of Panama). Each stamp is inscribed "Homenaje a la Constitucion de los Estados Unidos de America" and bears the dates 1787-1937 and 1789-1939.



The Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division of St. John Ambulance won the Mok Cho-chuen Trophy last Sunday. Here is a unit at work on a "casualty." Standing on right is the Director of Ambulance, Mr. A. Morris, and on left are Major J. E. Swyers and Surgeon-Capt. G. V. Hobbs, two of the judges.



Values and colours of the frames are: 1 centesimo green, 2c. red, 5c. blue, 12c. olive, 15c. ultramarine. The addition of a plane and the words "Correo Aereo" render the remaining values eligible for air mail. These are: 7c. gray, 8c. ultramarine, 15c. maroon, 50c. orange and 1 Balboa black.

The centre of all values are black with the flags in natural colours of red, white and blue.

FRENCH COLONY CELEBRATES

THE French colony of Gabon on the west coast of Africa is this year celebrating the 100th anniversary of its occupation by the French. A set of four stamps noting the occasion has been issued in the following values and colours: 65 centimes brown, 1 Franc rose-red, 1.50 Fr. deep blue and 2Fr. purple.

The design, uniform to all denominations, bears a portrait of Captain Bouet Willaumez at the right with a picture of a sailing boat imposed on the coast line of the colony appearing at the left.

Settlements on the Gabon estuary were the beginning of France's great colonial interests in Equatorial Africa. In 1839 Captain (later Admiral) Bouet Willaumez secured rights to territory on the Gabon for France. The following years saw considerable exploration of the African territory by Europeans, notably H. M. Stanley. The results of these travels aroused interest in the Dark Continent and the French soon extended their territory inland to cover a good-sized portion of central Africa.

Gabon, together with the colonies of Middle Congo and Ubangi-Chari and the Chad territory, make up the administrative and philatelic unit known as French Equatorial Africa.

STAMP TEASERS

1. Who was Nikola Tesla and what stamp honours him?

2. On what triangular adhesive will you find a stone bridge?
3. On what stamp do we see a Queen with a group of little African children?
4. A Red Cross acting as the beacon of a lighthouse is shown on what adhesive?
5. An African native beating a drum appears on what stamp?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Mt. Chimborazo is in Ecuador and appears on stamp of that country issued in 1908.
2. Flags, a B&A and altar provide the subject for an Italian stamp of 1932.
3. Nejd, in 19, issued a stamp for the first World gathering of Mohammedans.
4. On a French stamp of 1925 you will find a potter examining a vase.
5. A soldier using a bayonet on a 1931 adhep of Roumania.

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THE THEORIST

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"That's very sporting of you, Mr. Snell, sez Gordon. 'But one doesn't like to take money out of one's fellow passengers.'"

"Forget it," says Snell with a big laugh. "What money you take out of me won't break me. And what's more I'll stand you a magnum if your account's a winning one." And he went off chuckling, so pleased with himself that he'd stood a round of drinks before he realised what had bitten him.

"Young Gordon and I managed to nick in at the bar just in time for that round—there weren't many such opportunities with Ikey—and young Gordon gave me a very funny look as he lifted his glass. Cap, I remembered that look afterwards."

* * *

"Well, next day young Gordon got the list of probabilities out of one of the papers, and that evening he got the antepost betting prices from 'Sparkey,' the wireless officer. Ikey Snell chalked them up on the board and declared the book open. After that every form book in the ship was in demand, and there was precious little else talked of except the chances of the different horses in the big race. There were scores of people who'd never heard of the Cesarewitch and didn't know even where Newmarket was, and had never had a bet in their lives, who became racing fans and students of form. It was just as if an infectious disease had broken out.

"Our theorist didn't appear much except to do his exercises and have his meals. He was hard at work. When he did sit in his deck chair he was that surrounded with notebooks and charts and set of revolving discs that you couldn't get near him. Every time anyone met him a question was the same: 'Have you made your selection yet, Mr. Gordon?' He'd shake his head and look very mysterious and say, 'Not yet, but I'm eliminating one or two of the impossibles.'"

"A lot of people began to think there might be something in his methods and were waiting to see what his selection was before they chose a horse of their own, and they became very impatient as the day of the race got nearer and still the selection was not made.

"On the day before the race was to be run I tackled Gordon and asked him how far he had got. He showed me a mass of notes each with numbers against them. 'Almost all of those you can rule out on the time test and for family reasons,' he said. 'I've eliminated them down to four now.'

"But you've eliminated the favourite," I said. "And Hawkhurst and Sally Lunn? Sally Lunn's chucked in at the fights. Bob Crawshaw told me today I left that he fancied him better than anything he's ever seen in the race. And he's won it twice in the last five years. He ought to know."

"Sally Lunn has got eight stone and she could not win if she had seven. None of her sisters have ever won on that size."

"Her father dodged the perishing Derby, sez I. Isn't that count for anything?"

"The Derby is in June is it October," says he.

"Oh Hell," sez I. "What about Hawkhurst?"

"In my optimistic table is within two marks of being a horse, but in my pessimistic table is eleven marks too little. I've said he's seven and a half marks short

of the required standard,' says Gordon shaking his head.

"It'll be a rum go if none of the losses is good enough to win it. If you rule out the lot sez I. 'What'll you do then: wire the Jockey Club to abandon the race?'"

"I'll have the winner by noon to-day. It won't take me much longer," he said.

"Sure enough when we were all in the bar at mid-day, in he comes and a crowd of people following. 'Mr. Gordon's made his selection at last,' they said, and word had been passed all over the ship. Everyone on board had come in to hear the oracle speak.

"And what do you think it was, Cap? The biggest outsider of the lot. Old Malabar Hill, the old 'chaser' who Fawkes had put in for some daft reason of his own. Old Malabar Hill who hadn't won a race on the flat for three years. Old Malabar Hill who had been offered to me to take to India two years ago and for no great price either. A rotten old bag of bones fit for nothing except selling 'chases or pulling a garden roller

"Ere," said I. 'I don't mind laying the odds about that old skate. And I don't care what 'is grandpapa or his grandma have done, nor what frustrations and disappointments all the others have suffered, NOR which way the wind's blowing at Newmarket to-day. If he wins I'll E.A.T. 'im—and the jock as well.'

"Young Gordon smiles. 'Mr. Snell is making the book,' says he. 'The antepost betting was sixty-six to one. Does that hold good on the day of the race, or will you lay me starting price?'"

"I'll lay you a hundred pounds to one, says Ikey, licking his pencil as if it tasted sweet.

"Oh, I say, sez young Gordon, lookin' rather pained. 'I wanted to bet. I don't call that a bet.'

"What do you want?" sez Ikey, looking as if his pencil had turned suddenly bitter.

"I had been thinking of twenty-five pounds each way, sez young Gordon. 'Would a hundred ponies to one be too much? Of course it's for you to say. I know this is only a friendly little affair...'

"Twenty-five hundred! Strike me purple!" yells Ikey. 'What do you think I am? The ruddy Bank of England?'"

"I'm sorry, I thought from your advertisements... begins young Gordon, but Ikey interrupts him.

"Adverts me—I'll lay you a hundred-to-one in pounds. And now the price is fifties."

"All right," sez young Gordon. 'That's a bet. How much will you take at fifties? Four pounds each way?'"

"Ikey looks round at all the people, and then looks down at his brown and white shoes. All right," he says. 'Two-hundred-to-four and fifty-to-four a place, Mr. Gordon. And the book's closed on Malabar Hill. Then he went off to the bar and drank the biggest whisky that was ever coaxed into a tumbler.

"Well, Cap, after that and all the excitement had died down and everyone had discussed the chances of Malabar Hill—whether it had got a cat's chance or not—there was nothing to do but wait for the result of the race. 'Sparkey, the wireless operator had said he would call up any stations or ships we passed, but he didn't think he'd get the result through much before nine that night. So there was nothing to do but wait and sleep and pull old Ikey's leg when-

ever he happened to pass. Young Gordon went off to his cabin to get some sleep. He said he had been working overtime on his system and was tired out. 'Come and wake me when the result comes through,' he said. 'Not before. I know what it will be, but it will be rather fun collecting from old Ikey, and I shall be ready for my share of that magnum by then.' And with that off he goes as cheerful as if that three-fifty quid is already in his pocket.

"Dinner came and the result was not through. Nine o'clock came and still there were only angry grunts and furious tappings from Sparkey when we knocked at the wireless cabin door. By ten o'clock everyone on the ship was gathered in the smoking room, and still the result wasn't through. At last young Gordon comes in yawning and still half asleep to ask why no one had been to call him. Then right on his heels comes a steward with the message from Sparkey.

"You could have heard a pin drop as he walks across and gives the typed slip to Ikey Snell 'with the wireless officer's compliments.'"

"Ikey has one look at it and gives a belch like an elephant. 'Malabar Hill.'"

"There it was. Malabar Hill had won it with Fotheringay second and Sally Lunn third.

"I must say old Ikey behaved very well when once he had got over the shock. He sent down for his money and paid out like a man, although he did drink nearly the whole of that magnum to his own cheek. Then we chaired young Gordon round the deck, and then it was his turn in the bar. Cap, I don't know how many bottles of wine we drank that night, and I don't know how or when we

got to bed. That Voove Clichey gets me; me stomach don't stand acids very well. Anyhow I got properly goosed and so did young Gordon, but we got to bed somehow.

"But now, Cap. Here's where the laugh comes. Next morning I knew by the row outside that we had reached Port Said, but I could hear someone moving about in the cabin next to mine, which belonged to young Gordon. I thought I'd go in and see him and say good-bye. Who do you think I found there? Young Sparkey, the wireless operator, with such a hang-over that he couldn't stand.

"What the hell are you doing here?" sez I. He didn't know. 'How long have you been here?' asks I. That he didn't know neither. 'Where's Gordon?' I asks, but he couldn't answer for 'iccups. 'When did you last see him?' I inquired. Has he left the boat?"

"I haven't seen him since the wireless room yesterday afternoon," he says. 'He kept bringing me drinks while I was trying to get the result of that race through for you all.'

"And when the result came through you got properly soused," sez I. 'You ought to be ashamed of yourself.'

"But," sez Sparkey, 'I never got no result through. I was tight long before that. Young Gordon is on the Eastern Telegraphs. He took over the headphones from me. Dam' kind of him, I thought.'

"Took over the headphones?" sez I, and then I began to laugh.

"I was still laughing when I went on deck to look for young Gordon, but, of course, he'd gone."

"I laughed still more when I bought a copy of the 'Egyptian Mail.' In the stop press it said: 'Cesarewitch Stakes abandoned on account of fog.'"

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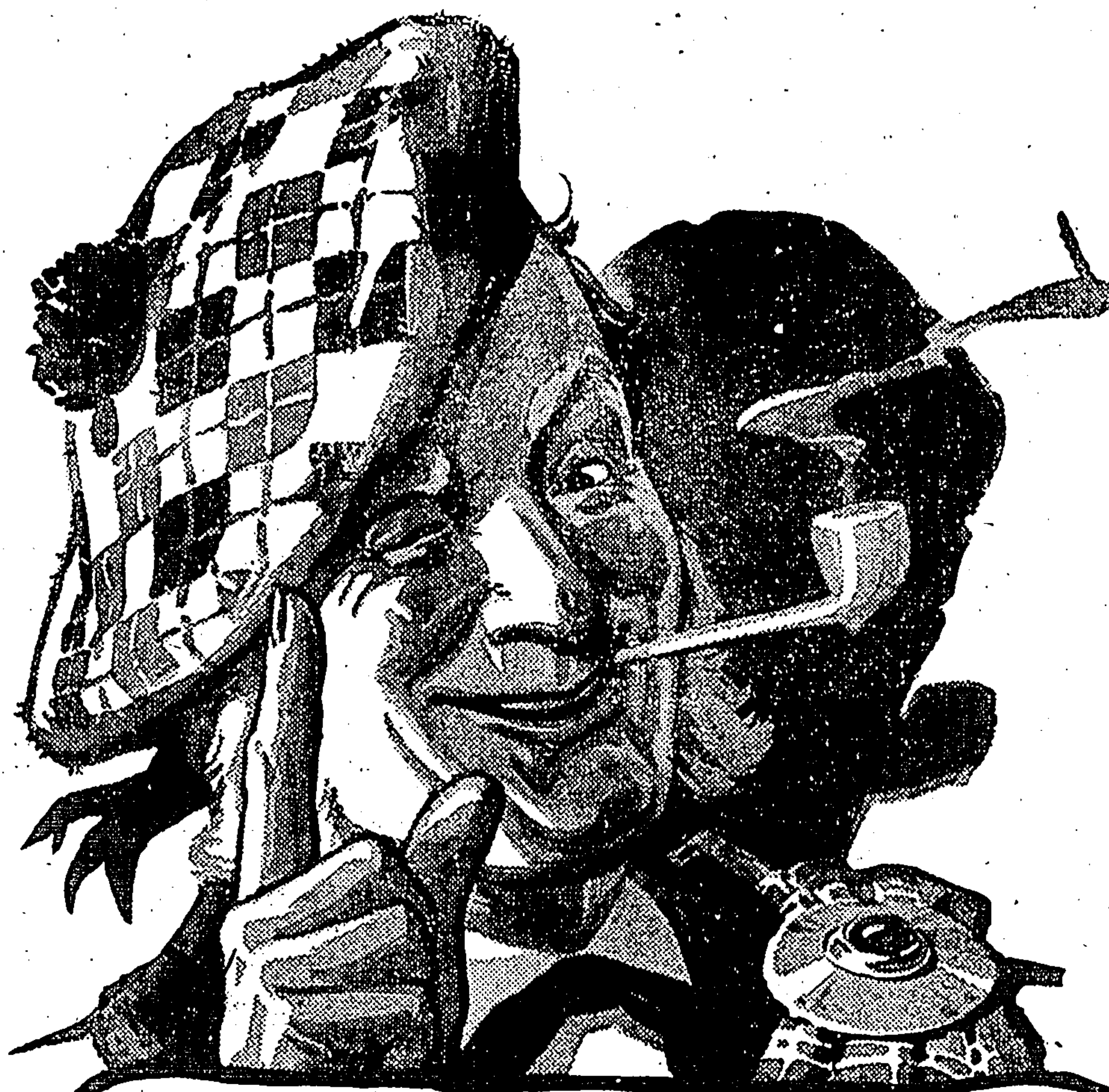
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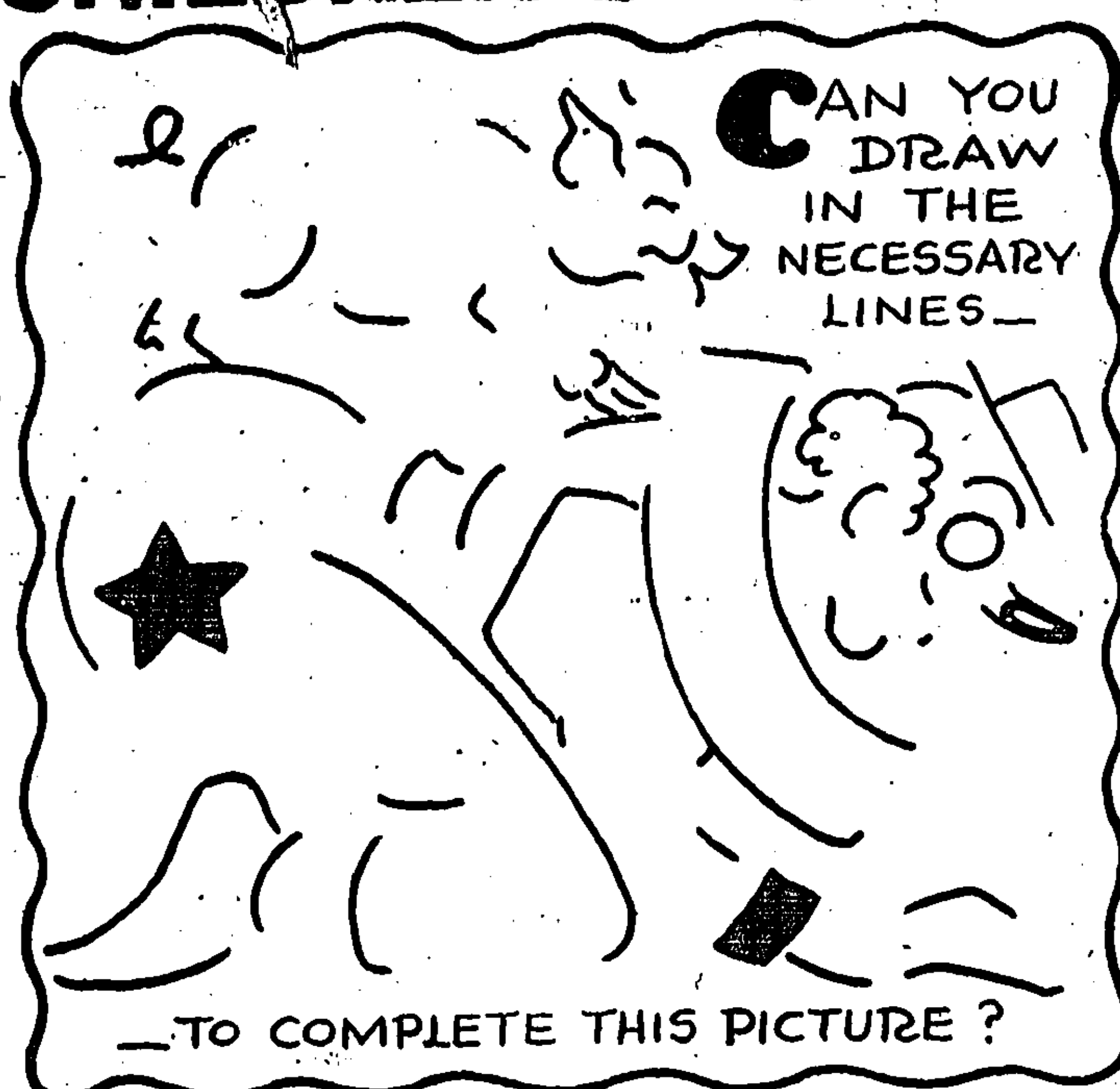
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The "Empress of Canada," on completion of her annual overhaul, will leave Taikoo Dock this morning and berth at the Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, at noon on Tuesday.

BRITISH MEAT QUOTAS

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade was asked in the Commons what action the Government proposed, in view of the failure of the Empire Meat Council to agree on the recommendation regarding imports of frozen mutton and lamb from Australia and New Zealand for the current year.

Mr. Oliver, Stanley replied that having taken into account all factors and on the best estimate the United Kingdom government could make, it would be necessary in order to safeguard the stability of the market that imports from Australia and New Zealand during the current quota year should be three per cent below the level of the preceding year.

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Valley Stakes Candidates

Musketeer, Oranje Boven, February Fourth And Talkative Best Fancies

NEW SUB. GRIFFINS, CHINA PONIES UNDER REVIEW

(By "RAPIER")

DUE to the unsettled state of affairs in North China, and supplemented by restricted facilities for transportation, it was not until towards the end of November that the new lot of Subscription Griffins, China ponies, arrived safely in this Colony.

After these ponies had been drawn for, they underwent serious training in preparation for the forthcoming Annual Race Meeting. With the limited time at their disposal, I consider that the various stable trainers have done remarkably well in bringing their respective charges into condition.

Whilst quite a few of them have so far stood out prominently, there are also several ponies which require further training, so that their racing ability will not be known until we reach the stage for extra meetings.

The most important race for subscription griffins, China ponies, is undoubtedly the Valley Stakes. It was won last year by Desert Star, ridden by Mr. Moller, and there is now considerable speculation as to which pony is likely to win it this year.

PEN PICTURES OF CANDIDATES
The following are pen pictures of the subscription griffins which I consider to be among the best of this year's lot:

MUSKETEER. From the very commencement this chestnut pony of 13.2, belonging to Henry captured my fancy as a potential challenger for the Valley Stakes. It is inclined to be more of a sprinter, and will probably be Mr. S. C. Liang's mount. At the moment it seems to be the best trained pony, and there is no doubt that it will be worth following over short distance events.

MAGOG. This grey pony of 14.0 is owned by Mrs. F. C. Hall. It is quite speedy and I have it in mind as the winner of one of the Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes sections.

MILLEAYE. Belonging to the John Peel's stable, this pony appeals to me as a middle distance performer, with a nice movement, and it will probably be taken out by Mr. Needa in the Valley Stakes.

HEDDON. A black of 14.1, owned by Gredka, this pony is coming on nicely, and I would recommend bearing it in mind for long distance events. It is quite a powerful looking animal, and it is understood that it will be under the control of Mr. H. J. A. Hearne.

GREEN BAY. This is a sturdy little chestnut of 13.8 belonging to Mr. L. Dunbar, and is quite a game little animal. It has yet to reach its best form. I expect to see it showing further improvement with more training.

KUT CHEONG. A 13.2 chestnut pony belonging to Jolly Company, I consider it a good sprinter and it should be watched accordingly. I believe that it will be ridden by Mr. T. Y. Woo, who has come here with a big reputation from Hankow.

WILBER. This 13.2 grey pony is owned by Marber, and will prove its worth over sprint events. If sent out for one of the Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes sections it will probably carry off one of the first prizes.

ASCOT VALE. A black pony of 14.1 belonging to Mr. Eu Tong Sen, this is more of a long distance pony. At the moment it is not at its best but, with more training, it will turn out a source of danger in events requiring stamina.

NEW REDFORD. This is another pony owned by Mr. Eu Tong Sen, and I consider it better than Ascot Vale. I like its work in training, and there is no doubt that it will develop into a good racer.

PORTRUSH. This pony is owned by Mrs. J. H. Taggart, and it has been talked about as one worth following, even in the Valley Stakes. It is definitely good, and it will be handled by Mr. B. A. Proulx.

ORANJE BOVEN. Belonging to the Hollandia Stable, this is a powerful looking pony, and, with Mr. Encarnacao on top, I consider that it has a

sporting chance of winning the Valley Stakes. I like its easy movement and, up to a mile, it will be worth following.

MARKSMAN. This bay pony, from the Anharby stable, is now in the pink of condition and is credited with having done the mile in 2.15, with a last quarter of 32.1. Bear this pony in mind, and should it fail to show up on the first day, watch it on subsequent days. Mr. Tang Man-wa is the jockey, and don't forget the large dividends which his mount has paid in former years.

PALL MALL. This dun pony belonging to Mr. K. F. Wong is coming on nicely, and with a little more hard training, it will turn out to be quite useful. It has the makings of a good racer and will probably be ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen.

TINY TIM. This little cream pony belonging to Messrs. Li & Edgar is a very sturdy animal, and I expect to see it showing up well during the Annual Meeting.

FEBRUARY FOURTH. This 13.3 black, owned by M.A.H., is said to have covered the mile in 2.17 with a last quarter of 33. It should do well over middle distance events. It has been whispered abroad as the potential winner of the Valley Stakes. It will be handled by Mr. T. L. Wong.

HIGH TOWER. A 14.1 grey pony drawn by Mr. S. S. Li, this candidate is well built and is gradually showing improvement. This is also one of Mr. T. Y. Woo's mounts.



GEORGE. A 13.3 grey pony, belonging to Mr. G. W. Sewell, it has been doing only slow work with its owner riding. Judging by its appearance, I consider this pony to be good, and I expect to see it do well in its outings.

TALKATIVE. This pony belonging to Maretta is reputed to be the best among this year's subscription griffins. From what I have seen of during training, the high opinion in which it is held is more than justified.

It has not done anything remarkable in the way of fast gallops, but I fancy this pony's easy movement and, with a strong jockey up, I consider it the best bet for the Valley Stakes. Keep this pony definitely in view, as it is likely to follow in the footsteps of past champions.

CHATTERBOX. This is a stable mate of Talkative, and is also owned by Manetta, and while I cannot say that it is just as good as Talkative, I do consider it a good pony to follow.

GUINNESS TIME. This is the best sub. in the Time Stable, and under Mr. Pote-Hunt's guidance it should account for a race or two.

NATIONAL HONOUR. This is the best of Why's Stable, and judging from its training it should account for at least one of the minor races.

WELCOME. This 14.1 bay pony, belonging to Chuong Huyen, will develop into a good racing animal and should be noted accordingly.

STRATHBANNOCK. Belonging to Mr. J. F. Macgregor, this pony was given a trial run over 1 1/4 miles on the grass track on Wednesday, February 8, which it completed in 3.01 with a last quarter of 32. This performance impressed me, Mr. Macgregor's candidate will probably develop into a long-distance pony.

The ponies I have named above are about the best among this year's subscription griffins, and in my estimation the Valley Stakes will be fought out between the following:—

**MUSKETEER
ORANJE BOVEN
FEBRUARY FOURTH
TALKATIVE**

I fancy the last named.

Silkylight To Hold Its Own?

Old Griffins Under Review

(By "RAPIER")

In the absence of Liberty Bay, which has not been entered for any event at the Annual Race Meeting, the place of honour which it has held for so many years will now be taken by Silkylight, wonder pony of 1938.

Silkylight is looking exceptionally fit and there is no doubt that, with the possible exception of Desert Chief, there is no other pony capable of extending it. Silkylight will probably win every race in which it appears.

After quite a long absence, Desert Chief has again been seen at morning training. It has been on the walking list for quite a while, and if one is to judge by appearances alone, I would say that Desert Chief is now its old self again. Up to 1 1/4 miles it will give Silkylight a great battle, but beyond that I am afraid it is rather doubtful whether it can win against Silkylight.

WORTHY SUBSTITUTE

Cameronian, from the same stable, is looking a picture of fitness, and Mr. Eu Tong Sen will have a worthy substitute in case Desert Chief fails to come up to expectations.

Bear Claw does not appear to be looking too fit, but Confusion Bay is undoubtedly in the pink of condition. Happy Eve, winner of the 1937 Derby, did not take part in racing throughout last year. It is back again on the track, although not called on to do any serious training. It is looking well.

STRONG OPPOSITION

King's Warden, as usual, is looking extremely fit, but it will have a difficult task running against ponies like Silkylight, Desert Chief and Confusion Bay. It is still capable, however, of winning a race or two.

Oak Bay seems to like its morning gallops. It is certainly looking very fit, and will provide Mr. Raymond with a win over short distances.

Gladiator is now owned by Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of H.E. the G.O.C. It has evidently recovered from its previous lameness.

OLD SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

Very little has been seen of the old warriors among the subscription griffins in training. Rose Evelyn is fighting fit, and Racing Boy is also looking well. These two will provide a fine race when they meet. Salvage Master, the champion sub. over the second half of last year's racing, is also very fit, but I doubt whether it will do well against the two ponies mentioned, and possibly a few others.

OLD AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Disappointment is no doubt felt in racing circles that Strathroy has not been entered for the annual meeting and with Courting Eve still a doubtful starter it would seem that Lucky Lad is due to win the 1939 Championship event, unless one or two of the new ponies can provide the necessary challenge. Lucky Lad will certainly be hard to beat in a race where stamina is the most essential factor. Able Amazon has been seen in action in morning gallops, but I very much doubt whether it can recapture its championship form.

FINE RECORD

Lancashire Chips has done remarkably well since it was acquired by Mrs. Taggart, and there is no doubt that it will yet continue to win more races for its popular lady owner.

Vixen Tor is at the moment looking very fit, and it will be hard to beat in a race over six furlongs, or up to a mile, among "B" Class Australian ponies.

A Great Time turned out a disappointment to those who backed it on the final day of racing last year. It is looking fit, and I expect to see it winning a race yet.

Criffel is also looking well, and, under the experienced guidance of Mr. Needa, it should account for a race in "G" Class.



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Middlesbrough
Newcastle
Coventry

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (2) v Chelsea (0)
Aston Villa (-) v Liverpool (-)
BLACKPOOL (-) v Manchester U. (-)
BRENTFORD (0) v Stoke (0)
DERBY (0) v Birmingham (0)
EVERTON (4) v Bolton (1)
Grimsby (2) v MIDDLES-
BROUGH (1)
Huddersfield (1) v Charlton (1)
PORTS-
MOUTH (3) v Preston (2)
SUNDER-
LAND (1) v Leicester (0)
WOLVES (1) v Leeds (1)

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (3) v Burnley (3)
Bradford (1) v Luton (1)
Bury (0) v COVENTRY (2)
Chesterfield (-) v WEST
BROM. (-)
FULHAM (3) v Tottenham (1)
MANCHES-
TER C. (-) v Plymouth (-)
Millwall (-) v Sheffield U. (-)
WEDNES-
DAY (0) v Southampton (0)
SWANSEA (1) v Norwich (0)
Tranmere (-) v NEW-
CASTLE (-)
WEST HAM (2) v Notts F. (1)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

ALDERSHOT (1) v Brighton (2)
BRISTOL C. (2) v Bournemouth (1)
Clapton (1) v Cardiff (1)
CRYSTAL
PAL. (3) v Walsall (1)
NEWPORT (-) v Ipswich (-)
Northampton (2) v Reading (2)
NOTTS C. (1) v Bristol Rov. (1)
Port Vale (-) v Queen's P.R. (-)
SWINDON (1) v Southend (1)
Torquay (2) v Exeter (1)
WATFORD (2) v Mansfield (0)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Carlisle (0) v Lincoln (1)
CREWE (-) v Stockport (-)
Darlington (1) v HULL (3)
DONCASTER (-) v Barnsley (-)
Gateshead (3) v CHESTER (1)
Hartlepool (1) v BRADFORD (1)
Rochdale (1) v Halifax (1)
ROTHER-
HAM (2) v Oldham (1)
SOUTHPORT (2) v Accrington (1)
WREXHAM (3) v Barrow (2)
YORK (3) v New Brighton (1)
SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND
Buckie Thistle v THIRD LANARK
RANGERS v Clyde
Dunfermline v ALLOA
MOTHERWELL v St. Mirren
HEARTS v Celtic
FALKIRK v Aberdeen

FOUR DRAWS TO CHOOSE FROM

Torquay v Exeter
Clapton v Cardiff
Rochdale v Halifax
Millwall v Sheffield Un.

TEAMS TO BE AVOIDED

Everton.—Should win, but Bolton are upsetting team and Everton did have a sharp mid-week Cup fight.

Wednesday.—Another easy-looker, but Wednesday have not yet settled their Cup match with Chelsea and have to play again on Monday.

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Interport Rugby Encounter

To-morrow's Clash

The Interport Rugby Football match between Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club and Hong Kong Football Club, will take place on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, to-morrow, at 4.00 p.m. His Excellency the Governor has intimated his intention of watching the match.

A keen game is anticipated, with the packs of each team fairly evenly matched, although Hong Kong is considered to have a stronger back division.

Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club:—W. H. B. Rigg; P. J. A. Innes, A. G. White, I. F. Aucott, I. M. Hutchison; G. M. Mills, R. Laird; W. D. Pearson, J. F. Burford, R. A. O. Mayne; R. U. Reynolds, R. P. J. Stewart; J. R. M. Warner, G. H. Reynolds, A. M. Kennedy (Captain).

Hong Kong Football Club:—M. W. MacGrath; D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, W. E. Grieve, G. K. Chadwick; J. Hutchison, J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; W. E. Peers, A. F. Walkden; H. W. E. Heath, A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

Dr. Selby will referee the game. The visitors will play another match on Monday, when they will meet the United Services, at 4 p.m. on the Club ground at Happy Valley. Dr. J. A. R. Selby will also referee this match.

Admission to these games will be \$1.50 to the Covered Stand and



BLACKBURN AND SUNDERLAND DRAW AGAIN

London, To-day.

Blackburn Rovers and Sunderland again shared the spoils—a goalless draw after extra time, in their Fifth Round replay in the F.A. Cup Competition.

Last Saturday they shared two goals in their original encounter.

In a Second Division match Swansea beat West Ham by the odd goal in five.—Reuter.

\$0.50 to the Open Stand, with Service men in uniform at half price. Tickets for the covered stand may be obtained in advance until Friday evening from:—A. F. Walkden, Dodwell and Co., Ltd., C. Austin, Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd., and at the Club House. Thereafter they may be purchased at the turnstiles prior to the matches.

An Interport Dance has been arranged for the visitors to-morrow night, at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, while a dinner will be held in their honour at the same place on Tuesday.

Home Football Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	27	18	2	7	55	28	38
Derby	29	16	6	7	53	36	38
Wolves	27	13	8	6	48	21	34
Charlton	27	14	4	9	45	37	32
Stoke	28	12	7	9	51	49	31
Middlesbro.	29	12	7	10	60	48	31
Liverpool	28	11	8	9	46	44	30
Bolton	27	10	9	8	48	39	29
Arsenal	27	10	9	8	32	24	29
Aston Villa	28	12	5	11	53	42	29
Leeds	27	10	7	10	43	47	27
Grimsby	27	10	7	10	39	46	27
Sunderland	27	9	8	10	34	40	26
Manchester U.	28	8	10	10	39	43	26
Preston	26	9	7	10	38	40	25
Blackpool	27	7	9	11	33	46	23
Chelsea	26	8	5	13	46	55	23
Leicester	28	7	8	13	34	54	22
Brentford	27	8	6	13	38	57	22
Huddersfield	27	8	5	14	37	42	21
Portsmouth	26	6	9	11	24	44	21
Birmingham	27	7	4	16	44	58	18

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	29	17	3	9	71	44	37
Sheffield U.	27	12	11	4	45	28	35
Coventry	27	15	5	7	48	39	35
West Brom.	28	14	5	9	68	53	33
Fulham	27	13	7	7	45	33	33
Wednesday	26	13	6	7	64	43	32
Luton	28	14	4	10	53	45	32
Burnley	30	12	8	10	39	39	32
Newcastle	27	13	5	9	44	32	31
Tottenham	27	11	8	8	44	39	30
Chesterfield	27	12	6	9	44	38	30
Manchester C.	26	13	3	10	68	54	29
West Ham	28	10	7	9	47	36	27
Bradford	29	9	8	12	49	62	25
Bury	29	8	9	12	44	50	25
Millwall	27	8	9	10	42	39	25
Southampton	28	9	6	13	36	52	24
Plymouth	27	9	5	13	33	40	23
Swansea	26	4	11	11	23	51	19
Notts F.	27	5	7	15	33	64	17
Norwich	25	7	1	17	29	62	15
Tranmere	29	4	4	21	32	76	12

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Newport	28	17	5	6	41	28	39
Crystal P.	27	13	7	7	47	38	33
Reading	29	11	11	7	47	36	33
Brighton	28	14	5	9	48	35	32
Notts C.	25	12	5	8	36	28	31
Aldershot	27	11	8	8	32	37	30
Northampton	28	13	4	11	42	38	30
Queen's P.R.	27	11	8	8	56	36	30
Bristol C.	28	11	7	10	43	43	29
Cardiff	27	11	7	9	40	38	29
Swindon	27	11	6	10	50	45	28
Watford	28	11	6	11	42	38	28
Torquay	26	10	5	11	35	40	25
Southend	24	9	6	9	42	44	24
Exeter	26	7	9	10	42	58	23
Ipswich	25	8	7	10	32	35	23
Mansfield	26	8	6	12	31	50	22
Port Vale	26	8	5	13	32	36	21
Clapton	26	7	7	12	32	37	21
Bournemouth	26	7	7	12	30	43	21
Bristol R.	27	6	8	13	32	35	20
Wallsall	25	5	5	15	26	41	15

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barnsley	29	21	4	4	69	26	46
Doncaster	27	14	9	4	51	31	37
Oldham	28	16	2	10	54	44	34
Bradford C.	28	15	3	10	60	38	33
Crewe	28	16	1	11	68	44	33
Hull	27	13	5	9	64	52	31
Stockport	26	11	7	8	59	47	29
New Brighton	29	12	5	12	68	49	29
Ochester	25	11	6	8	58	48	28
Rotherham	29	11	5	13	48	50	27
Halifax	28	9	9	10	28	33	27
Halifax	28	9	9	10	28	33	27
Rockdale	29	11	5	13	64	55	27
Barrow	29	11	4	14	44	51	26
Wrexham	29	11	4	14	44	54	26
Lincoln	27	9	7	11	51	62	26
Southport	26	14	7	5	58	32	25
Darlington	28	9	6	13	49	67	24
Carlisle	27	9	5	13	42	67	23
Gateshead	27	8	7	12	48	51	23
York	28	7	6	15	40	62	20
Hartlepool	29	8	4	17	42	70	20
Accrington	28	2	4	22	23	74	8

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	29	21	5	3	96	46	47
Hearts	29	16	4	9	77	51	36
Aberdeen	29	15	5	9	73	48	35
Celtic	28	14	7	7	80	42	35
Hamilton	29	14	5	10	53	52	33
Falkirk	29	14	5	10	58	52	33
Queen O'S.	29	13	6	10	50	49	32
Kilmarnock	28	12	7	9	54	59	31
Motherwell	29	13	5	11	67	62	31
St. Johnstone	30	13	4	13	64	72	30

Hibernian	29	12	4	13	61	55	28
Clyde	28	13	2	13	59	57	28
Partick	28	12	4	12	50	61	28
Third Lanark.	28	9	7	12	64	72	25
Ayr	29	8	8	13	54	65	24
St. Mirren	29	8	6	15	43	59	22
Queen's Park	28	8	5	15	42	61	21
Arbroath	30	7	7	16	41	66	21
Raith	29	8	2	19	54	79	18
Albion	28	6	4	18	45	77	18

(Mid-week games not included.)

U. Services Rugby XV To Meet S'hai

The absence of Lt. W. Elliot and the inclusion of P. J. Cullinan, of the Police R.U.F.C. are the outstanding features of the United Services fifteen to meet Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club on Monday on the Club ground at 4 p.m. The United Services team is as follows:

A. B. Hunt (Eagle); F/O. Thomas (Eagle); Pay. Lt. Stevens (Kent) (Captain); P. O. Askwith (Dainty) and Pay. Mid. Hankin (Kent); Lt. Skelton (Grampus) and F/O. Medd (Eagle); Ldg. Sea. Romans (Eagle); Supt. Staples (Eagle); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); L/Sgt. P. J. Cullinan (P. R. U. F. C.); Sub. Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle); Lt. Anderson (Olympus); 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots) and Pte. Berry (Middlesex).

United Services Cricket Team To Meet Club

The following have been selected to represent the United Services in the cricket match against Hong Kong C.C. to-morrow and Monday: Lieut.-Comdr. N. Kennedy, R.N. (Capt.); Major G. P. Murray (Army); Captain O. E. Godby (Army); Captain W. E. P. Whitmarsh (R.M.); P. O. Bryan-Gower (R.A.F.); P. O. W. G. New (R.A.F.); C. P. O. Paxton (R.N.); F/Sgt. Scragg (R.A.F.); Opl. Land (Army); Pte. Hatfield (Army); Dns. Logan (Army).

Reserve.—F/Sgt. Fever (R.A.F.).

Umpire.—Captain J. F. Laurence.

Play commences at 2 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Monday.

VOLUNTEER CRICKETERS TO MEET I.R.C.

The following will represent the Volunteers at cricket against Indian R.C. on Sunday, commencing at 11 a.m., at Sookunpoo:—A. C. Beck (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, F. A. Broadbridge, E. C. Fincher, T. A. Madar, W. L. E. Mackenzie, A. E. Perry, L. T. Rids, W. Stoker, E. L. M. Soares and A. Zimmern.

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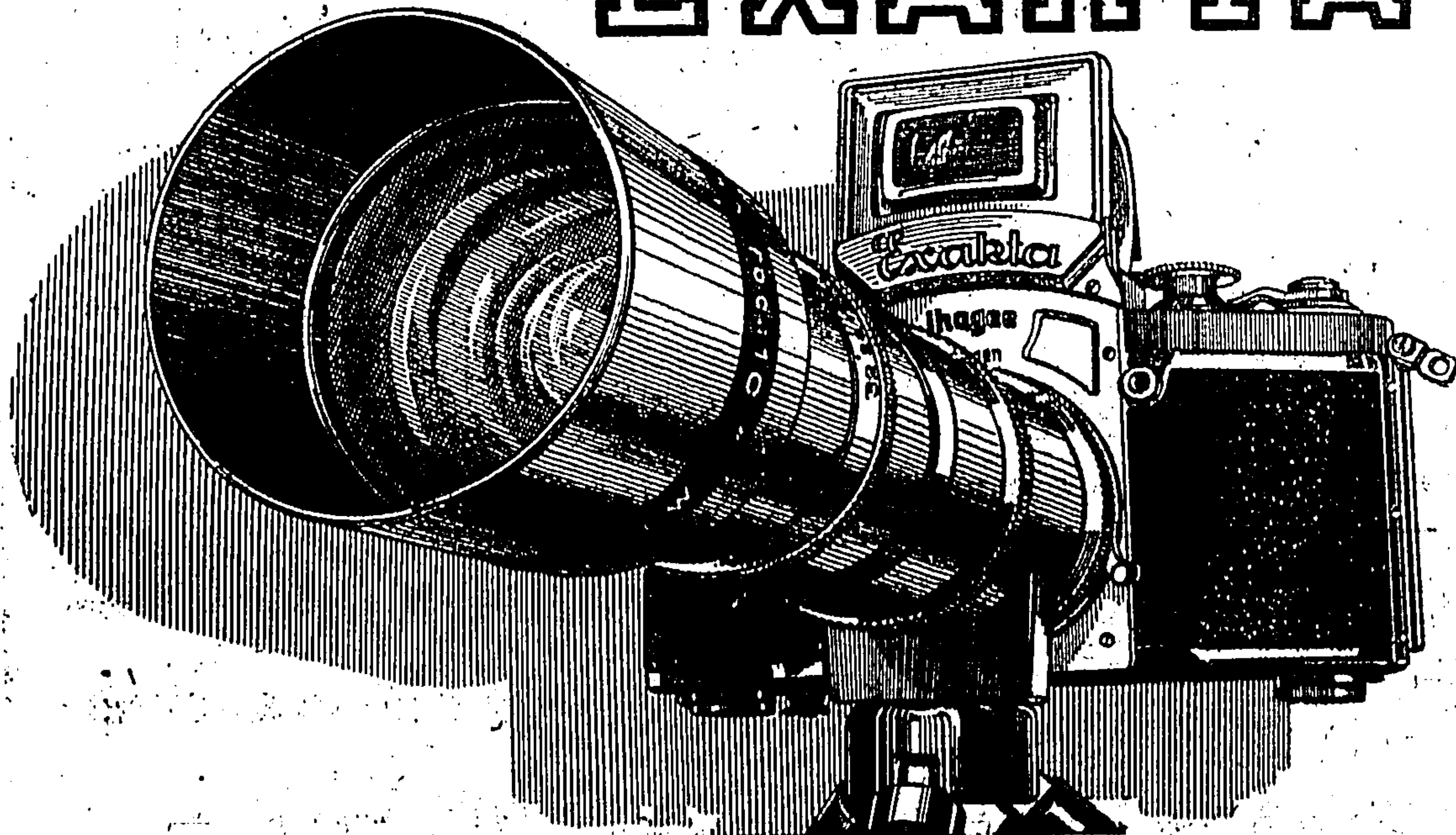
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League Tables & Form Guide

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football League indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal	(a10) 0-2 (h 7) 2-0 (a 2) 3-1 (h22) 0-0 (h21) 2-0
2 Aston Villa	(a 9) 1-2 (h 4) 3-1 (h 1) 1-3 (a18) 0-0 (a 6) 4-2
3 Birmingham	(a17) 2-2 (h16) 3-3 (a20) 3-0 (a19) 0-5 (h 7) 3-4
4 Blackpool	(h22) 1-0 (a 2) 1-3 (h21) 1-1 (a11) 0-2 (h 9) 2-2
5 Bolton	(h20) 1-3 (h13) 2-2 (a15) 2-1 (h14) 4-0 (a17) 2-1
6 Brentford	(a22) 2-5 (a21) 1-1 (h11) 1-2 (h 2) 2-4 (a 9) 2-1
7 Charlton	(a 1) 0-2 (h17) 3-0 (a 3) 4-3 (a14) 5-1 (h16) 7-1
8 Chelsea	(h13) 2-2 (a14) 2-3 (h17) 4-2 (h16) 0-1 (a20) 1-6
9 Derby	(a21) 0-1 (a20) 0-3 (h11) 4-1 (a 4) 2-2 (h 6) 1-2
10 Everton	(a 6) 0-2 (h 1) 2-0 (h12) 3-2 (a18) 1-0 (a15) 3-0
11 Grimsby	(h21) 1-3 (a16) 1-3 (h 4) 2-0 (a 9) 1-4 (a 6) 2-1
12 Huddersfield	(h 4) 3-0 (a 1) 0-1 (h18) 3-0 (a10) 2-3 (h22) 1-2
13 Leeds	(h 7) 2-1 (a 5) 2-2 (h15) 1-1 (a14) 0-2 (h17) 0-1
14 Leicester	(h 8) 3-2 (a19) 1-2 (a 5) 0-4 (h13) 2-0 (h 7) 1-5
15 Liverpool	(a17) 0-3 (a 7) 3-1 (h 5) 1-2 (a13) 1-1 (h10) 0-3
16 Manchester U.	(h11) 3-1 (h20) 0-1 (a 8) 1-0 (h19) 1-1 (a 7) 1-7
17 Middlesbrough	(a 3) 2-4 (h19) 2-2 (a 7) 0-3 (h 5) 1-2 (a13) 1-0
18 Portsmouth	(a 5) 1-5 (a12) 0-3 (a22) 0-3 (h10) 0-1 (h 2) 0-0
19 Preston	(a15) 1-4 (h14) 2-1 (a17) 2-2 (h 3) 5-0 (a16) 1-1
20 Stoke	(a 5) 3-1 (h 3) 6-3 (a16) 1-0 (h 9) 3-0 (h 8) 6-1
21 Sunderland	(a11) 0-1 (h 9) 1-0 (a 4) 1-1 (h 6) 1-1 (a 1) 0-2
22 Wolves	(a 4) 0-1 (h 6) 5-2 (h18) 3-0 (a 1) 0-0 (a12) 2-1

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackburn	(a20) 2-4 (a17) 1-2 (h 2) 6-4 (a 9) 2-3 (h10) 3-1
2 Bradford	(h10) 1-0 (a 1) 4-6 (h 7) 1-5 (a20) 0-2 (h 4) 3-2
3 Burnley	(h11) 2-0 (h12) 3-0 (a21) 2-1 (a 8) 0-1 (h14) 1-0
4 Bury	(a22) 0-0 (h19) 5-0 (a 5) 1-2 (h17) 4-0 (a 2) 2-3
5 Chesterfield	(a 1) 0-3 (a11) 1-0 (h 4) 2-1 (a22) 1-1 (h19) 3-0
6 Coventry	(h18) 4-0 (a16) 2-0 (h13) 5-1 (a11) 1-0 (h21) 1-1
7 Fulham	(h19) 1-0 (h17) 1-0 (a 2) 5-1 (h 9) 2-1 (a18) 1-1
8 Luton	(h 9) 3-0 (h14) 3-4 (a15) 2-2 (h 3) 1-0 (a18) 1-0
9 Manchester C.	(h19) 5-2 (h 2) 5-1 (a 8) 0-3 (h 1) 3-2 (a 7) 1-2
10 Millwall	(a 4) 1-1 (a 2) 0-1 (a14) 2-2 (a 1) 1-3 (h 7) 1-1
11 Newcastle	(a15) 0-0 (h 5) 0-1 (a 3) 0-2 (a16) 0-0 (h 6) 0-1
12 Norwich	(a11) 0-4 (h 8) 2-1 (a 3) 0-3 (h18) 1-2 (a16) 1-3
13 Notts F.	(h 3) 2-2 (a18) 1-4 (a 6) 1-5 (h19) 2-2 (h16) 0-2
14 Plymouth	(a21) 2-4 (a 8) 4-3 (h10) 2-2 (h15) 0-1 (a 3) 0-1
15 Sheffield U.	(a11) 0-0 (h 3) 1-1 (h21) 1-1 (h 8) 2-2 (a14) 1-0
16 Southampton	(h 6) 0-2 (h11) 0-0 (a21) 0-2 (a13) 2-0 (h12) 3-1
17 Swansea	(a10) 1-1 (h 1) 2-1 (a 7) 0-1 (h20) 0-1 (a 4) 0-4
18 Tottenham	(a 6) 0-4 (h13) 4-1 (h21) 2-2 (a12) 2-1 (h 8) 0-1
19 Tranmere	(h20) 1-4 (a 4) 0-5 (h22) 2-2 (a13) 2-2 (a 5) 0-3
20 Wednesday	(h22) 1-4 (a 1) 4-2 (a19) 4-1 (a17) 1-0 (h 2) 2-0
21 West Brom.	(a15) 1-1 (a18) 2-2 (h 3) 1-2 (h16) 2-0 (a 6) 1-1
22 West Ham	(h10) 0-0 (a20) 4-1 (h 4) 0-0 (a19) 2-2 (h 5) 1-1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1 Aldershot	(h20) 1-1 (a 7) 0-2 (h12) 1-0 (a13) 0-5 (h14) 0-3
2 Bournemouth	(h20) 2-5 (h16) 4-2 (a18) 2-2 (h 9) 2-0 (a 6) 0-5
3 Brighton	(a16) 2-1 (a 9) 2-2 (h 6) 1-2 (h18) 3-0 (a10) 0-0
4 Bristol C.	(h19) 1-1 (a20) 1-3 (h 7) 3-1 (a12) 2-0 (h13) 0-0
5 Bristol R.	(a18) 2-3 (h 9) 4-1 (a 6) 2-0 (h10) 3-3 (a17) 0-2
6 Cardiff	(h10) 2-1 (h 5) 0-2 (a17) 0-0 (a 3) 2-1 (h 2) 5-0
7 Clapton	(a14) 0-1 (h 1) 2-0 (a 4) 1-3 (h 8) 4-0 (a22) 0-1
8 Crystal P.	(a10) 1-2 (a19) 2-2 (h20) 1-3 (a 7) 0-4 (h12) 1-1
9 Exeter	(h 1) 3-3 (h17) 3-2 (a 5) 1-4 (h 3) 2-2 (a 2) 0-2
10 Ipswich	(a 6) 1-2 (h 8) 2-1 (h18) 2-0 (a 5) 3-3 (h 3) 0-0
11 Mansfield	(h12) 0-2 (h 2) 2-0 (h15) 2-0 (h16) 2-2 (a18) 0-2
12 Newport	(a13) 0-1 (a17) 1-0 (a 1) 0-1 (h 4) 0-2 (a 8) 1-1
13 Northampton	(h12) 1-0 (a10) 0-2 (a14) 0-1 (h 1) 5-0 (a 4) 0-0
14 Notts C.	(a20) 2-0 (h 7) 1-0 (h13) 1-0 (a17) 1-3 (a 1) 3-0
15 Port Vale	(a 8) 0-1 (h22) 1-2 (a11) 0-2 (a19) 1-1 (h20) 0-1
16 Queen P.R.	(h 3) 1-2 (a 2) 2-4 (h21) 2-0 (a11) 2-2 (h19) 2-1
17 Reading	(a 9) 2-3 (h12) 0-1 (h 6) 0-0 (h14) 3-1 (h 5) 2-0
18 Southend	(h 5) 3-2 (h 2) 2-2 (a21) 2-0 (a 3) 0-3 (h11) 2-0
19 Swindon	(a 4) 1-1 (h 8) 2-2 (a22) 1-2 (h15) 1-1 (a16) 1-2
20 Torquay	(a 2) 5-2 (h 4) 3-1 (a 8) 3-1 (h22) 2-1 (a15) 1-0
22 Watford	(a21) 0-2 (a15) 2-1 (h19) 2-1 (a20) 1-2 (h 7) 1-0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1 Accrington	(h21) 3-1 (h 3) 0-2 (h 4) 2-3 (a13) 1-6 (h14) 3-4
2 Barnsley	(h15) 1-1 (a 3) 2-1 (h 6) 3-0 (a 4) 2-0 (h13) 6-1
3 Barrow	(a 1) 2-0 (h 2) 1-2 (a16) 0-1 (h11) 0-0 (a15) 0-2
4 Bradford C.	(a14) 0-4 (h20) 4-0 (a 1) 3-2 (h 2) 0-2 (a16) 1-2
5 Carlisle	(a13) 1-11 (a 7) 1-7 (h19) 1-1 (a 9) 0-1 (h18) 3-1
6 Chester	(h14) 0-0 (a20) 0-0 (a 2) 0-3 (h16) 4-2 (a11) 1-1
7 Crewe	(a 8) 0-1 (h 5) 7-1 (a14) 2-3 (a19) 2-1 (h 9) 1-2
8 Darlington	(h 7) 1-0 (a19) 1-4 (h 9) 1-2 (a13) 3-2 (h17) 1-2
9 Doncaster	(a10) 0-2 (h12) 3-1 (a 8) 2-1 (h 5) 1-0 (a 7) 2-1
10 Gateshead	(h 9) 2-0 (a18) 2-2 (h17) 2-2 (a22) 1-1 (h21) 5-1
11 Halifax	(a16) 0-1 (h22) 2-1 (h15) 3-1 (a 3) 0-0 (h 6) 1-1
12 Hartlepool	(a15) 2-5 (a 9) 1-3 (h18) 1-1 (a17) 4-3 (h22) 3-2
13 Hull	(h 5) 11-1 (h14) 4-2 (a20) 2-2 (h 1) 6-1 (a 2) 1-5
14 Lincoln	(h 4) 4-0 (a13) 2-4 (h 7) 3-2 (h20) 3-2 (a 1) 4-3
15 New Brighton	(h12) 5-2 (h16) 0-1 (a11) 1-3 (h21) 2-3 (h 3) 2-0
16 Oldham	(h11) 1-0 (a15) 1-0 (h 3) 1-0 (a 6) 2-4 (h 4) 2-1
17 Rochdale	(a22) 7-0 (h21) 0-0 (a10) 2-2 (h12) 3-4 (a 8) 2-1
18 Rotherham	(a21) 0-2 (h10) 2-2 (a12) 1-1 (h 8) 3-3 (a 5) 1-3
19 Southport	(a12) 2-0 (h 8) 4-1 (a 5) 1-1 (h 7) 1-2 (a20) 1-3
20 Stockport	(h 6) 0-0 (a 4) 0-4 (h13) 2-2 (a14) 2-3 (h19) 3-1
21 Wrexham	(h18) 2-0 (a17) 0-7 (h22) 1-3 (a15) 3-2 (a10) 1-5
22 York	(a18) 0-2 (h11) 1-2 (a21) 3-1 (h10) 1-1 (a12) 2-3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

1 Aberdeen	(a 4) 1-1 (h10) 6-1 (a 7) 3-1 (h19) 3-2 (a18) 0-1
2 Albion	(a12) 1-3 (h19) 2-1 (a 5) 1-4 (h20) 2-4 (a10) 2-1
3 Arbroath	(a17) 0-4 (h 6) 3-0 (a16) 3-1 (a13) 3-4 (h11) 4-1
4 Ayr	(h 1) 1-1 (a 9) 0-2 (h15) 2-0 (a11) 2-2 (h 8) 1-1
5 Celtic	(h15) 0-1 (a16) 0-4 (h 2) 4-1 (a14) 1-1 (h 6) 3-1
6 Clyde	(a20) 1-3 (h18) 3-1 (a 3) 0-3 (h12) 4-0 (a 5) 1-3
7 Falkirk	(h11) 4-0 (a 8) 3-1 (h 1) 1-3 (a17) 1-2 (h14) 2-1
8 Hamilton	(a19) 1-2 (h 7) 1-3 (a18) 2-0 (h18) 4-0 (a 4) 1-1
9 Hearts	(a 3) 1-1 (h 4) 2-0 (a19) 1-1 (h18) 3-2 (a12) 2-4
10 Hibernian	(h16) 2-1 (a 1) 1-6 (h17) 1-1 (a15) 2-3 (h 2) 1-2
11 Kilmarnock	(h19) 3-2 (a 7) 0-4 (h20) 5-2 (h 4) 2-2 (a 3) 1-4
12 Motherwell	(h 2) 3-1 (a15) 0-0 (h16) 2-4 (a 6) 0-4 (h 9) 4-2
13 Partick	(a 6) 1-4 (h17) 2-4 (a14) 0-0 (a 8) 0-4 (h15) 2-2
14 Queen's O.S.	(h13) 0-0 (a20) 1-0 (a18) 0-3 (h 5) 1-1 (a 7) 1-2
15 Queen's Park	(a 5) 1-0 (h12) 0-0 (a 4) 0-2 (h10) 3-2 (a13) 2-2
16 Raith	(a10) 1-2 (h 5) 4-0 (a12) 4-2 (h 3) 1-3 (a19) 2-1
17 Rangers	(a13) 4-2 (h 3) 4-0 (a10) 1-1 (h 7) 2-1 (a20) 2-1
18 St. Johnstone	(h 8) 0-2 (h14) 3-0 (a 9) 2-3 (h 3) 4-3 (h 1) 1-0
19 St. Mirren	(h 3) 2-1 (a 2) 1-2 (h 9) 1-1 (a 1) 2-3 (h16) 1-2
20 Third Lanark	(h 6) 2-1 (a11) 2-5 (h14) 0-1 (a 2) 4-2 (h17) 1-2

(Mid-week games not included.)

H.K. LADIES' H.A. ACCEPT S'HAU INVITATION

Civilian, Navy And Army Selectors

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association held last night, it was decided to accept the invitation of the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association to send a team North during the Easter Holidays, for the continuation of the Interport series.

The Colony's trials will probably be held towards the end of this month on the completion of the Caer

Interport Hockey Team Leaving By "Taishan" On Sunday

The Hong Kong Interport hockey team to play against Macao on Sunday, will leave for Macao on the steamer Taishan at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Players and reserves are requested to be on board by 9 a.m., when their passage tickets will be distributed. To enable spectators to catch the 5 p.m. boat back to Hong Kong, the time of the match has been advanced to 3 p.m.

Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Leagues. It was decided by the meeting to elect a Selection Committee of three, comprising one Civilian, one from the Royal Navy and one from the Army.

Golf Consistency

By BEST BALL
Consistently low rounds are more the product of a well rounded skill with all clubs in the bag than proficiency with one or two. True the accurate putter can generally manage to keep his score down, but even then he is subject to lapses when his putting blade is not smoking hot and must depend largely on adroit chip and pitch shots to put the ball near the cup. The long driver starts off with an advantage, but if he is unable to keep up this good work down the fairway and on the green he places a considerable burden upon himself. The pressure is not only physical but mental as well, for the player is constantly aware of his shortcomings.

This mental weight oppresses his physical game to such an extent that at times he is subject to falter on those shots which are his lone forte. The player who is adept with all clubs does not have this added worry; when one shot goes astray he can take the situation with the calm manner of a Walter Hagen and figure it might well be worse. Naturally such a skill will not come from wishing alone; the



player will have to do something about it. This means that he must not practice tee shots or putts to the exclusion of other strokes, but must find the time and place to practice all.

Monday—Balanced Swinging.

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Robert McLeod In Studio Violin Recital

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.
Let Me Whisper (Rossell & Heyman).
You Belong To Dreamland (Gilroy).
Alone (film 'A Night At The Opera').
12.40 p.m.—Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
If Ain't Right—Fox-Trot.
The Boston Tea Party—Fox-Trot.
Washington Grays (Grafulla).
Tap Dancers' Nightmare.
One, Two, Button Your Shoe—Fox-Trot (film 'Pennies from Heaven').
So Do I—Fox-Trot.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Grieg—Peer Gynt-Suite No. 1, Op. 46. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
1.18 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).
If I Should Send A Rose (Shayon-Shikret); Open Your Window To The Morn, Op. 56, No. 3 (Royden-Phillips)....with Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
(9.52 megacycles)

I Bring A Love Song (film 'Viennese Nights')....assisted by Edna Kellogg with Orchestra.
You Will Remember Vienna (film 'Viennese Nights')....with Orch.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety with Vivian Ellis, Sandy Powell, and Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Dance Orch.—Who Stole The Jam?—Quickstep (film 'Sally, Irene and Mary'); Swingin' In The Corn—Quickstep (film 'Radio City Revels')....Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal Refrain by Nat Gonella.
Comedy Sketch—Three Loose Screws (Farrell & Pola)....The Three Loose Screws: Chick Endor, Charlie Farrell and Eddie Pola.
Piano w. Vocal Chorus—Let Me Play—By Vivian Ellis (In which The

Composer introduces fifteen of his best known tunes)....Vivian Ellis.
Comedian—Sandy Goes To The Sea: Part 1—The Stowaway; Part 2—The Shipwreck....Sandy Powell.
Dance Orch.—Swing, Swing, Swing, Daughter Swing—Fox-Trot; I've Got A Wonderful Feeling—Fox-Trot....Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Vocal—The Dicky Bird Hop (Gourly); An Old Violin (Fisher)....Gracie Fields with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
8 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) A little Kiss at Twilight; (b) It don't make sense; (c) I have eyes; (d) Joobalai.

6.14 p.m.—Record: Bell Ringer—Fox-Trot; Sedibal—One-Step....Maurice Alexander (Accordeon) with Orch.

6.21 p.m.—(a) What will I tell my heart; (b) Change Partners; (c) Moments like this; (d) Every-tub.

6.35 p.m.—Records: Melody From The Sky (film 'The trail of the Lonesome Pine'); Is It True What They Say About Dixie? (Marks)....Frances Langford (Vocal) with Orch.

Old Fashioned Love (Mack-Johnson)...."Buck" Washington (Piano).

6.44 p.m.—(a) Tears in my heart; (b) Stop! Beatin' round the Mulberry Bush; (c) Meet the beat of my heart; (d) Lullaby in Rhythm.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Songs by Cecily Courtneidge.

Why Has A Cow Go? Four Legs (Furber & Ellis); The South Is The Place For Me (Ellis & Braham); The Wind's In The West (film 'Aunt Sally'); My Wild Oat (film 'Aunt Sally').

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Between You And Me And The Mike'. An intimate revue with Hugh Morton: Dorothy Summers; Denis Folwell; Marjorie Westbury; Hal Bryant; Mary Pollock; Harry Engelman and Leila Brittain at two pianos. Produced and compered by Martyn C. Webster.

7.45 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
Palikiko Blues (Traditional); Pua

Carnation (Traditional)....The Tahiti Beachcombers.
Delilah—Waltz; Poemo—Waltz....Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.
On A Little Street In Honolulu—Waltz....Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Webster Booth (Tenor) and Light Symphony Orchestra.

Shepherd's Song (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood); Rondel; Muna (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood)....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.

Sweet Melody Of Night (film 'Give us this Night'); My Love And I (film 'Give us this Night')....Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch.

Mon Reve (Waldteufel)....Light Symphony Orchestra.

Serenade In The Night (Bixio, Cherubini & Kennedy); The Way You Look To-night (film 'Swing Time')....Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Like To The Damask Rose (Elgar, arr. Haydn Wood)....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Violin Recital by Robert McLeod with Piano accompaniment by Harry Boughton.

1. Intrada (Moffat).
2. Salut D'Amour (Elgar).
3. Serenade Espagnole (Chaminade-Kreisler).

4. Frasnquita (Lehar-Kreisler).
5. Souvenir (Drdla).
6. Thais (Massenet).
7. Danse Espagnole (Granados-Kreisler).

8.55 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra. Gaité Parisienne—Ballet Music (Offenbach—arr. Rosenthal).

9 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 p.m.—Next week's programme.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Wagner's 'Die Walkure'. Act I. Lotte Lehmann (Soprano), Lauritz Melchior (Tenor) and Emanuel List (Bass) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter with F. Buxbaum (Cello).

11 p.m.—Close down.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ 10 K K
♥ 9 K K
♦ J K K
♣ J K K

Both sides were vulnerable, and the bidding went:
Schenken Jacoby Burnstine You
1♠ Dbl. Redbl. Pass

ANSWER: Pass. A bid in this position should be made only with a five-card suit to rescue your partner (Mr. Jacoby) from an embarrassing situation. A pass does not show a desire to play against one spade redoubled, but requests your partner to rescue himself in some suit. Score 100% for pass, 60% for diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 26

Both sides are vulnerable. You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ K K
♥ K K
♦ K K
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:
Maier You Jacoby Schenken
1♠ Dbl. Redbl. Pass
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

TODAY'S HAND

Duplicate Bridge
East, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 9 8 5 4
♥ K 10 8
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ K 7 5
N E
S W
♠ A Q J 10 4 3
♥ A Q J 10 4 3
♦ A Q J 10 4 3
♣ A Q J 10 4 3

The bidding:
Maier South West North
1♥ 2♠ Pass Int
2♥ 4♥ Pass 4♥
Pass 6♥ Pass 6♥
Pass Pass Pass

Let's suppose you are defending against a suit contract. There are several trumps in dummy and Declarer leads the singleton of an off-suit in which you hold the Ace. Would you automatically jump in with the Ace, or would you consider playing a low card? There are many hands in which the winning play is to play low when a singleton is led from dummy, to-day's hand being an example.

Against six diamonds West opened a heart, dummy's Ace won and the singleton spade was promptly led. If East had played the Ace, all would have been lost, for West would then have been unable to win a trick with his King. East was practically certain that Declarer would have no losing tricks outside of spades, and thus he decided it was far better to take a chance on losing the Ace than a jump right in an automatically present Declarer with his contract.

When East played low and West won with the spade King, there was still some work left for the defence. If West had returned any off-suit, Declarer could have ruffed three spades in dummy, eventually dropping East's Ace, and the contract would still have been made. However, West made the proper shift to a diamond and now, with only two trumps left in dummy, East was bound to win a second trick with his twice-protected Ace.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—A completely new Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy comedy programme together with comedies, shorts and cartoons not shown in previous comedy programme.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Beau Hunks". Revival of a great comedy when Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy join the Foreign Legion, the war is as good as over, there is still time, however to some of the funniest slapstick ever screened.

AT THE CATHAY—"Battle of Broadway". It's Flagg and Quirt again! Buddies between battles, these two Legionnaires on holiday forget all about that 20-year old armistice when a girl gives the "glad eye" to both of them. Victor McLaglen and his new side-kick, Brian Donlevy, Louise Hovick, Raymond Walburn, Lynn Bari, Jane Darwell and Robert Kellard.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Border Law", with Buck Jones, Lupita Tovar, James Mason, Don Chapman, Frank

Rice, F. R. Smith and Louis Hickus. The story deals with a ranger who turns thief in order to trap the outlaws and almost gets caught in his own trap.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"A Slight Case Of Murder." Damon Runyon takes film-land's toughest "gangsters" for the most hilarious ride of their chequered careers in the best burlesque on gangster films ever conceived by an ace humorist. With Edward G. Robinson, Jane Bryan, Allen Jenkins, Ruth Donnelly, John Lital, Edward Brophy, Harold Huber, Eric Stanley and that "Dead End" kid Bobby Jordan.

AT THE KING'S—"I'll Give a Million". The sad, sad story of a disillusioned millionaire who promises \$1,000,000 to the first person who loves him for himself and starts a riot that disrupts the Riviera. With Warner Baxter, Marjorie Weaver, Peter Lorre, Jean Hersholt, John Carradine, Lynn Bari, J. Edward Bromberg and Fritz Feld.



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Hong Kong, 15th February, 1939.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1939.
25th, 27th, and 28th February,
and 1st and 4th March

On SATURDAY, 25th, MONDAY, 27th, TUESDAY, 28th February and WEDNESDAY, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On SATURDAY, 4th March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax — or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders only on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th February, 1939.

NEW
ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	419	South East of Rural Building Lot No. 338, Mount Cameron Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about 10,450	120	1,254
			As per sale plan						

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA,
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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 11th March, 1939 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th February, 1939.

THE "STAR" FERRY
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

COMPANY MEETINGS

HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1939.

HONG KONG
TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1939, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1938, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 7th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1939.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

14 Des Voeux Road, Central.

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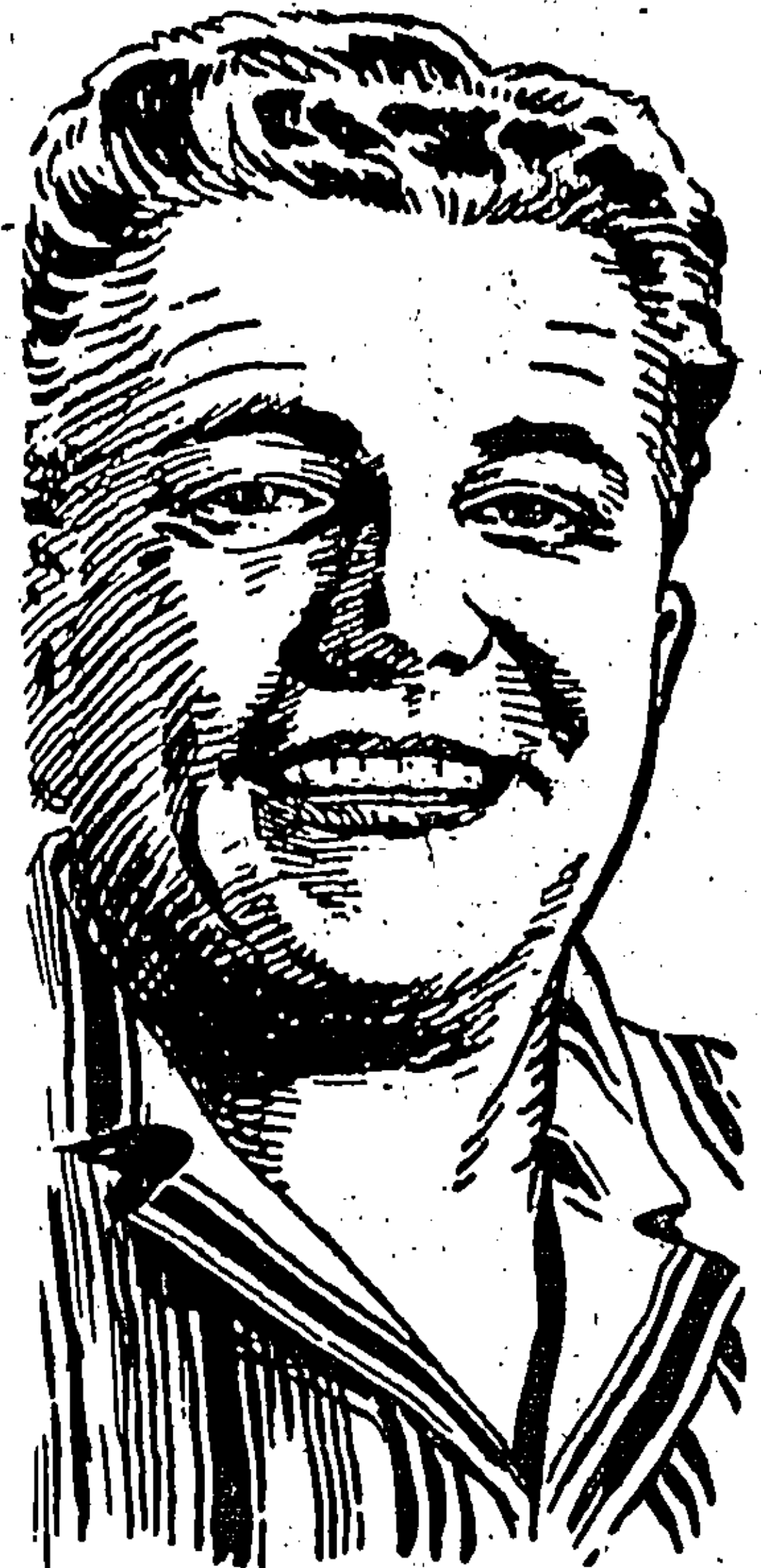
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, 14 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1939, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company convened for that day shall have terminated for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing a resolution as a special resolution altering in certain respects the Articles of Association of the Company.

Full particulars of such proposed alterations have been sent out to shareholders by post. A copy of the proposed special resolution giving details can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company.

By Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1939.



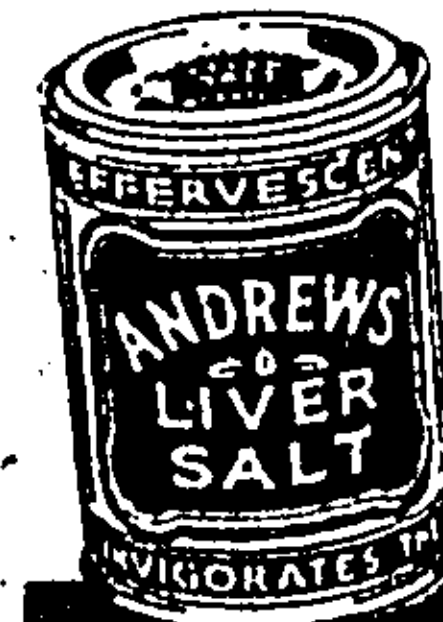
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Japan Tightening Up On Foreigners

Tokyo, To-day.

Revised and stricter regulations governing the admission of foreigners to Japan, to become effective in May, have been announced by the Japanese Home Ministry.

The new rules provide entrance and tourist fees and heavier penalties for violations of the regulations.

It is explained that 30,000 to 40,000 foreigners come to Japan each year, either to reside or to visit. The present resident population is estimated at about 30,000, including 14,000 Chinese.

YUGOSLAVIA'S NEW PREMIER

Belgrade, To-day.

The new Premier, Dr. Zvetkovitch, read the Government declaration of policy before Parliament yesterday in the presence of practically the entire Diplomatic Corps.

The Premier stressed that the Government regards the Croatian question as the most important problem to be solved.

Maintenance of existing friendships and extension of friendly relations would continue to be the chief aim of Yugoslavian foreign policy. — Trans-Ocean.

Under the new rules, foreigners suspected of immorality, Communism or espionage may be expelled summarily, although better protection is accorded foreigners whose stay in Japan is considered perfectly regular.

The new rules require registration at the end of 30 days, a second registration at the end of 60 days, and annual registration every year thereafter.

Existing penalties for violations of the entrance regulations are considered trifling, according to the "Yomiuri Shimbun," but the new rules provide penalties ranging up to three months' imprisonment and a fine of Y100.

The entrance fee will be Y20 and there will be another fee of Y10 for "passing through." — Reuter.

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JAPAN'S PLANS TO CORNER COTTON MILLS

Tokyo, To-day.

A new organisation, tentatively called the Japan-Manchukuo-China Cotton Industrial Council, will be established in Osaka shortly "to adjust the cotton industry in these three countries."

The new body will be organised by the Cotton Spinners' Associations and will take up the following problems:

1. Transfer of idle spindles from Japan to Manchukuo.
2. Allotment of Chinese raw cotton among the various associations.
3. Adjustment of relations between the Japanese cotton spinning companies in Japan and in China: (a) proposed expansion to China of the Japanese cotton spinning companies which have no mills in China; (b) revision of the Chinese customs tariff to equalise the financial burdens of Japanese mills in Japan and in China.
4. Decisions concerning the future policy to be pursued with regard to Chinese cotton mills now operated by Japanese spinners. — Reuter.

WARMER WEATHER EXPECTED

The Royal Observatory reports that ridges of moderately high pressure extend from Manchuria and South China to the Bonin Islands. A shallow depression is situated to the southwest of Shanghai moving eastward.

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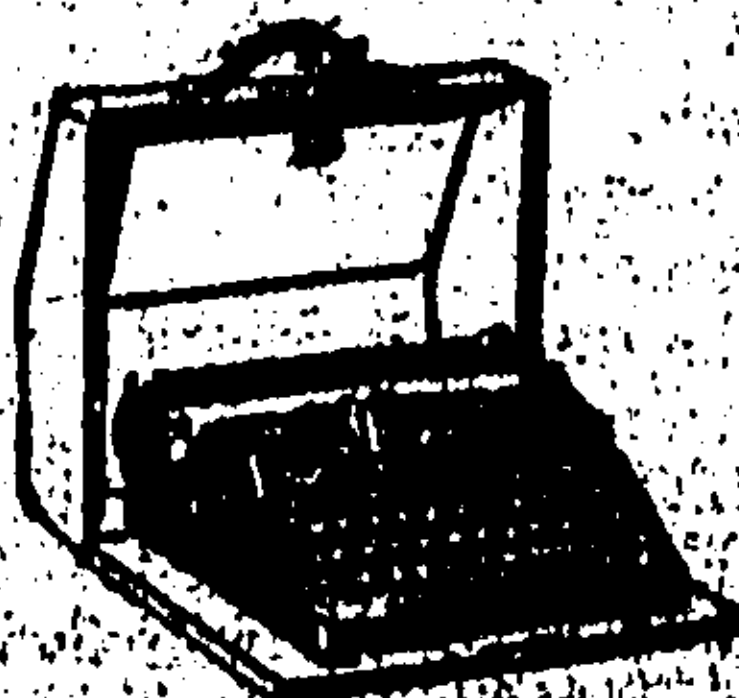
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